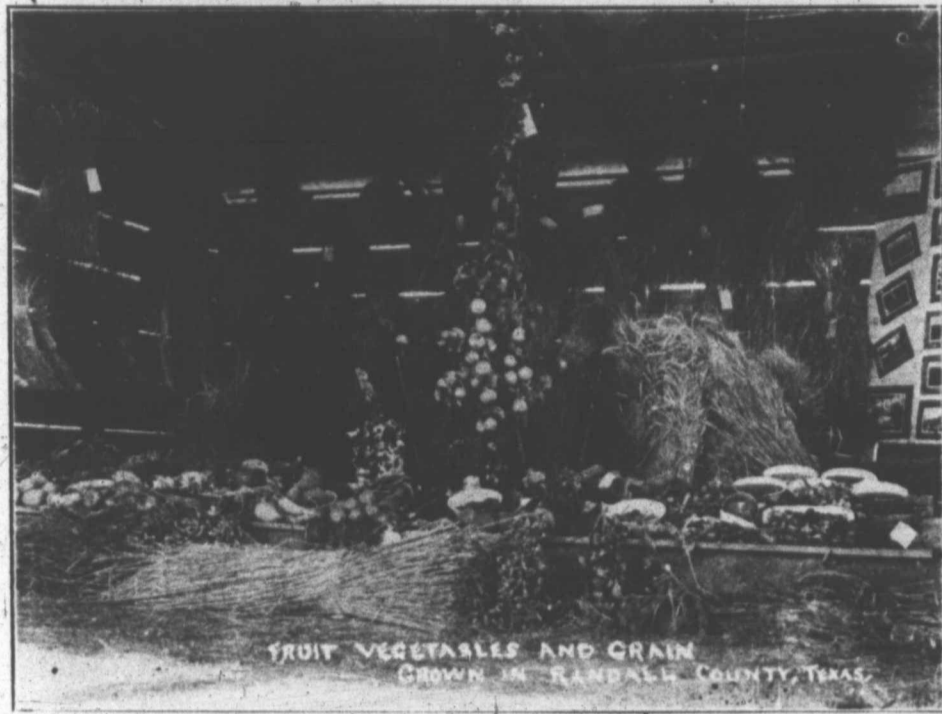


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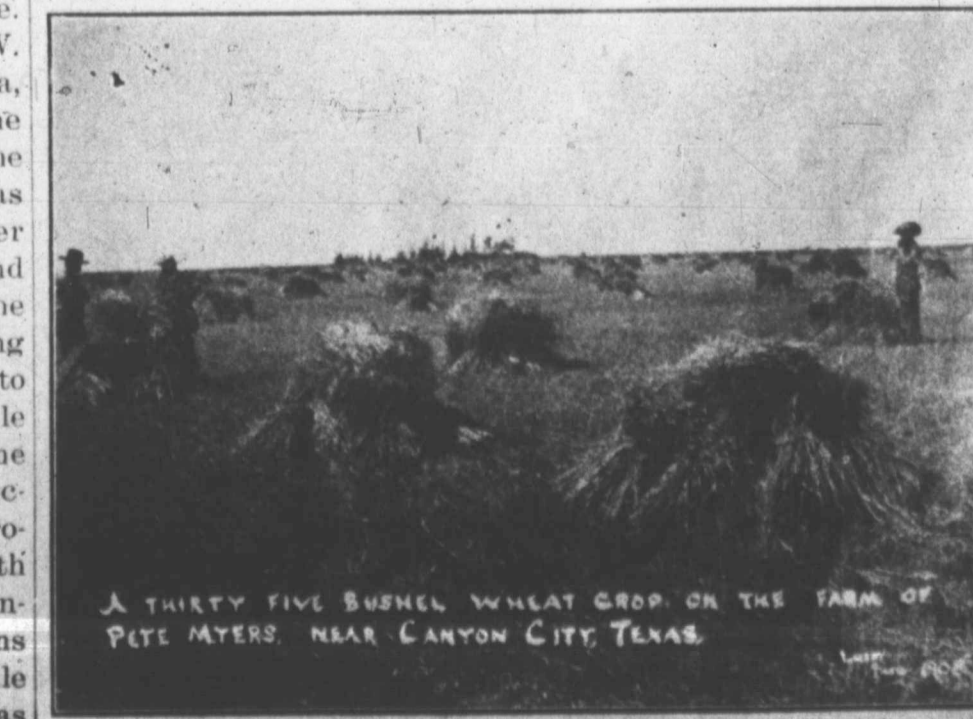
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DAIRY POSSIBILITIES

Every favorable condition combines for the establishment of a great and flourishing dairy and creamery business. Cows are healthy, feed and grass are plentiful, and the ozonized air free of germs that infect the finished product that in adjacent states and territories where humidity is more marked and the air is charged with bacteria that are responsible for the catarrhal con-

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wealth that awaits us. As soon as the real facts are made known to all the people, they will want land and they will come to a country where the opportunities for lands with large or small capital are more certain, which from careful investigation you will be forced to believe by an overwhelming array of facts.—South-west Farmer & Investor.

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CLIMATIC ADVANTAGES

The healthfulness of a country is a paramount consideration at all times. Pure air and pure water are decidedly more vital in their consequences than rich soil and good seasons, and where they all exist is ideal abode of man. Parker, Earle, in instituting a comparison between the two great upper and lower prairie regions of America, says that the latter is "handicapped by excessive and unwholesome humidity that breeds myriads of trouble insects and diseases against which the farmer must wage constant warfare, and from which he suffers unpreventable losses." While in the glorious up lifted prairie regions where the sun shines 90 per cent of the time throughout the year and every wind that blows is free from all destructive germs and tonic with health, the soils are still better for the higher purposes of the farmer and the climate will forever protect him, both in field and orchard, from the hosts of incurable evils which beset the producer of crops in the humid territories down toward the level of the sea.

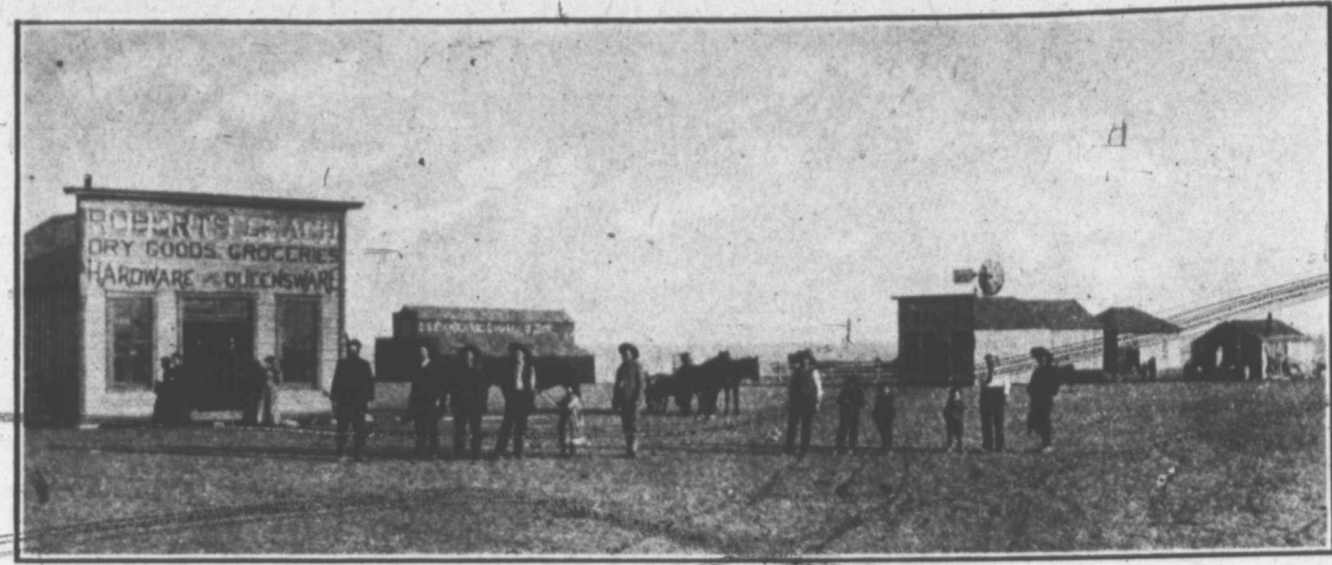
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This paper is published in the interests of all the citizens of Randall county, and it will also be of interest to our many friends and relatives who live in other states. Many of them are seeking for a place to better their condition, and we need them here to populate our fertile prairies, and if they should decide to come and cast their lot with us, we will extend to them a most cordial welcome.

The matter contained herein was gleaned from observation



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Prosperous Randall County and the Panhandle.

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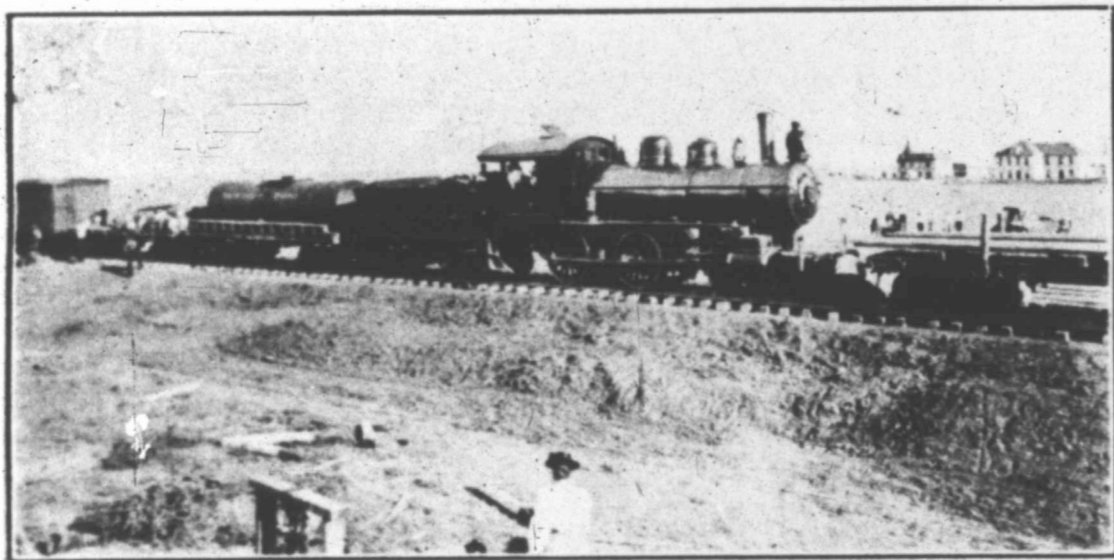
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Now, the real estate men and the merchants enlarge upon the gardenlike productiveness of the

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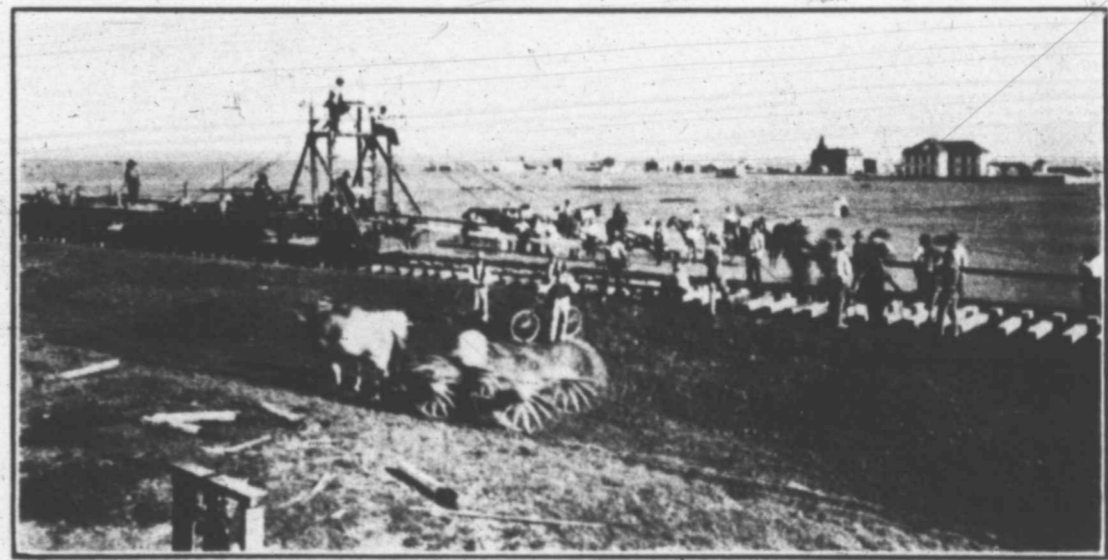
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LAYING FIRST RAILROAD RAILS INTO CANYON CITY.

and tradition, for much of which we are indebted to many public spirited citizens who kindly assisted us in preparing the work. While it is far from being complete, we believe that it will, in a measure, serve the purpose for which it is intended. It is impossible to cover so large a subject in the time and space at our disposal, but we trust that these few observations will be kindly received and the paper used to the best advantage in distribution.

The invitation which Randall county, Texas, presents to the world is in many forms and is addressed to many sorts and conditions of men. In all sincerity, it would be hard to say to whom the interests and conditions most directly appeal—to the lovers of a salubrious, healthful climate, to the practical farmer and stock man, to the man of business or to the young who seek a fresh field of labor. Any of these, or

soil, and recount with pride the triumphs of the farmer called out to speed the plow, and urge that all means be used to forward immigration: and the railroad companies join with them to demonstrate the utility of these acres by exhibits of great ears of corn, sheaves of wheat and everything that goes to fill a modern cornucopia. Everything mocks the old-time geographers and their story of the Great American Desert, which embraces all the country west of the Missouri River and east of the Rocky Mountains. These exhibits of grain and fruit are serving their purpose, and he who runs may read, not in works of fiction, but in the never-fading green of the long and beautiful springtime with her buds and blossoms, in the fruitfulness of the green field, where the cooling breezes make the grain like a pulsating sea, in the corn that rises in rank like soldiers armed for a conflict with the powers of distress, and in the woodland glades where the flowers grow—flowers which may well be the proudly worn badges of triumph in the bitter fight against hard times.

of summer. The fall or autumn, are being tested and a careful record of their moisture and other requirements, as well as relative yields and values, are being kept. While the Government Experiment Stations are right in many ways and abandonment of them would deprive many of a good fat job, it is also true that the farmer does not wait for their reports but goes ahead and plants his crop and reaps his harvest. While the department is busy telling him that kaffir-corn, milo maize and grain producing sorghum of various kinds are being thoroughly tested and tried out in the Panhandle, the farmer is busy harvesting his kaffir, getting \$18 to \$30 an acre for it, and the same with sorghum seeds and other products. While they are experimenting with the Durum wheats and other varieties of the Northwest, the farmers keep on sowing and reaping the Russian Red and other known varieties at the rate of 15 to 50 bushels to the acre.

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There are no local diseases; fevers and inflammations are rare. This locality is especially good for pulmonary troubles as it is a happy means between the miasmatic regions of the lower countries and the cold, rare atmosphere of higher places. It is largely to the climatic conditions that we owe our thanks for the wonderful food health of our people, the purity of our air and water, the fertility of our soil and for other and multiplied resources that go to the making up of this country of so many and surprising potentials.

Our rainfall is not as great as in some states, yet it far exceeds that in many states that claim a greater amount. But we have the advantage in that we get it just when it is needed to perfect the growing crops. In the few

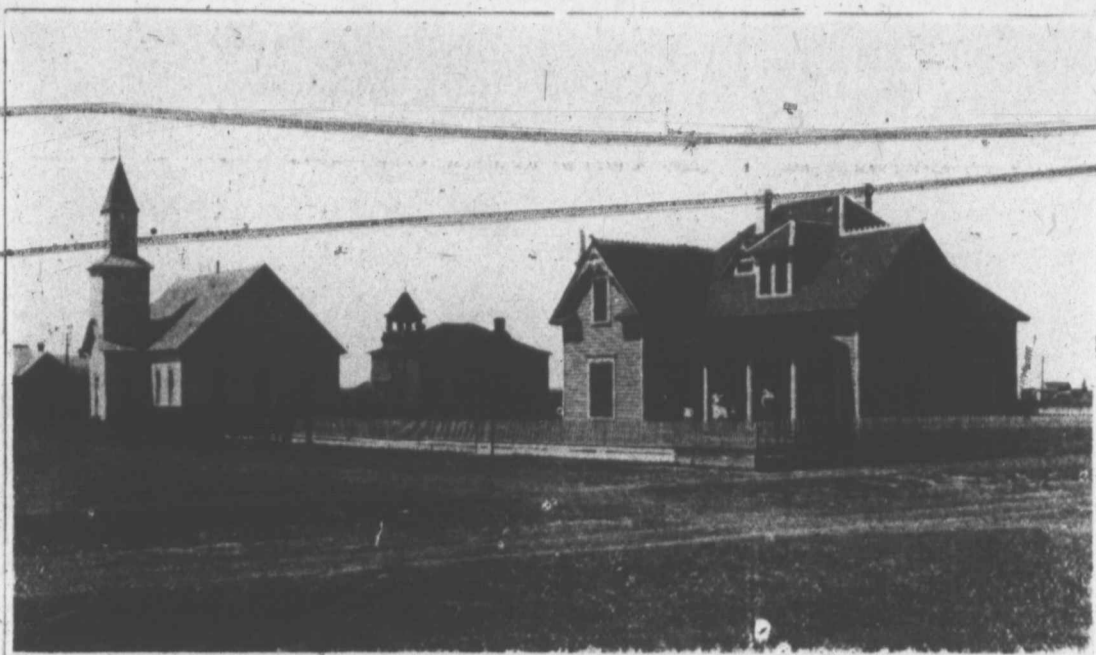
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A good brick plant at Canyon City would pay well. A million brick will be used within the next few months for building purposes. Fine brick clay is found adjoining town and the railroad.



CUTTING ALFALFA NEAR CANYON CITY, TEX.



The building in the foreground is the parsonag of the Methodist church of this city the building in the center is the public school building, while the church building is that of the Methodists. The church building, however, is now undergoing a change into a more modern building with a large increase in seating capacity, the improvements on the building alone to cost something near \$4000. Handsome pews are to be installed as soon as the new building is completed, after which it will compare favorably with some of the more expensive buildings of large cities.

Dr. S. L. Ingham.

Several years ago there came to this place from an Iowa town, a man who was accepting Harace Greely's advice about going west to build up with the country. He has built well since he came here. That man is Dr. S. L. Ingham. He is, by profession, a dental surgeon, not one of these "painless" kind because he is a good one, his work having been so satisfactory here that no other dentist has ever had encourage-



ment enough to locate here against him.

Dr. Ingham, by keen foresight, has possibly one of the most ideal kind of farms near this city that a man could want. While he is not a farmer, still he was raised upon the farm and knows that business from the back end of the plow clear on up to the top of the business. His farm lies about a mile east of this city a portion of it is valley land the remainder being upland. He

believes in good hogs and has a large number there and thinks that there is great profits in the hog industry in Randall county.

Dr. Ingham is not what would be termed a trader but he is careful in his business dealings, generous when charity calls, most popular with those who know him, and above all is progressive in advancement of the interests of the city. He has been a member of the city council for several years and his service as chairman of the street committee has been particularly well rendered as the condition of the streets of the city will testify.

The Texas Land Company.

During the great rush for choice lands in the last few years and which still continues, perhaps no firm has done better service in making it possible for investors to secure holding easily and cheaply than has the Texas Land Company of this city. They are extensive dealers and reach out for large tracts at reasonable prices which they put upon the market in large or small subdivisions asking only a fair profit for services and expenses.

The members of the firm have lived here long enough to give purchasers the benefit of their experience for less than it would cost individual purchasers to go alone, pay his own expenses and then not know how or where to get the best for his money. T. H. Rowan has been here about 18 years and knows all parts of the Panhandle country. R. L. Faulkner has resided here about the same length of time and for

many years was in the cattle business until the cattlemen had to give way to the demands of the farmer who needed the fine grazing lands for homes. He is equally well informed as to prices and conditions.

They have all arrangements for sleeping car services and excursion rates every two weeks for prospectors who wish to look at their land or to see the country in general. They own a line of motor cars in which they take their people out to see lands. At one time, a picture of which is shown in this paper, this firm had 146 customers to come with them and their employees, on one train. Those they bring generally like the country and the manners in which things have been represented and they usually buy before returning home. Their buyers come mostly from Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri but a great many come from other states. The men shown in view purchased 100,000 acres from this firm and all were well pleased with the land, the price and the manner in which the business was conducted.

The Benton Confectionery.

Among the new and up-to-date things that Canyon City enterprises is noted for is the new confectionery and refreshment parlor of Robert Harrell. He has spared no pains or expense in order to make it attractive and to equip it the best manner possible for catering to the trade in a first class manner. His new fountain is said to be the best in the Panhandle. It is of onyx, marble and rosewood with plate glass mirror, electric illuminations and with enamel lined jars for the fruit juices and syrups. A picture cannot be made that will do justice to this art work therefore you should just drop in and see it and while there take a refreshing drink from this cool and sparkling flow, a drink that is equal to "the nectar of the Gods." The refreshment parlor is furnished with polished tables and chairs and choice creams and drinks are brought to you in silver service. Fresh candies, confections, fruits, nuts and souvenirs are always on hand. Smokers' goods, tobacco and cigars of the best kind are also sold.

Great credit is due to the enterprising young Canyon City man for his venture in this popular enterprise and the people of this city and country should and do give him a fair share of their patronage. "Bob", as his friends call him, is popular in this city and his business bush will win him success.

Canyon Mercantile Company.

Several years ago, in order to keep up with the rapidly increasing business of this section of the state a business concern was organized here which is now the Canyon Mercantile Company. The origin of the business was about ten years ago since which time the trade has reached out until they now occupy the entire first floor of the Smith building on the southwest corner of the

public square, a store of 90 feet frontage on the square end extending back 120 feet. In addition they have a large warehouse which is 30 by 120 feet in size and is two stories high.

The stock of this concern includes everything found in a complete department store the three main divisions being that of the dry goods, the groceries and the hardware and implements. The dry goods department occupies the front portion of a sixty foot division of the building and includes everything in the dry goods, clothing and furnishing business. The grocery department occupies the rear portion of this room and a well kept and a well supplied department of edibles enjoys a large trade both from the city as well as the many farmer customers. In the hardware department there is a complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, builder's tools, buggies, wagons, harness, stoves, implements of all kinds, piping, windmills—what's the use of mentioning these things—they have everything in this department that might be required by a progressive trade. Everything is arranged throughout the store in a systematic manner and perfect order prevails in the transaction of their very large business.

J. C. Pipkin is the head official of the concern and has planned and worked for years to perfect this modern store and still gives it his personal attention. R. G. Oldham, the vice-president, has been identified with the business since its inception and is a good business man, his portion of the affairs being to look mainly after the hardware and implement departments in which he has made a success, having given it special thought and attention.

Robert S. Pipkin is the treasurer of the company and has charge of the dry goods department. He does the principal part of the buying in that great department and makes frequent trips to eastern markets in order that he may know exactly what is the latest style, and to secure the best prices on the goods that are desired.

Ed. W. Pipkin looks after the office work and for this department he is peculiarly adapted being thoroughly capable and extremely accurate in keeping of the accounts of the business. The business of this concern has developed so much that the stockholders in the Mercantile company have recently organized a similar business which they have installed at Happy and which is enjoying a similar amount of business as the parent house, all things being considered.

The Baptist Congregation.

We have had misfortune in our engraving of the First Baptist church building in this city and therefore cannot show it as it is too late to secure another. This was the first individual church building constructed in the city and the congregation has a very

large membership. Rev. J. M. Harder is the pastor of the church and during his administration the membership has been increased about 25 per cent, which is a pretty good increase during two years' pastorate. Plans are now on foot for the erection of a new brick church building for this religious body, the building to cost something like \$15,000.

R. H. Sanford, Sheriff.

Last year there was one of the hottest races ever held in the Panhandle, the race being that for sheriff of Randall county. There were some awfully popular men in the race and until election day it was very undecided as to which man would be selected. After the contest it was found that R. H. Sanford had secured the nomination by a comfortable plurality thus testifying in a material way to the popularity of this man. He was elected in November and soon afterward took the oath of office. In his official capacity he is the chief of-



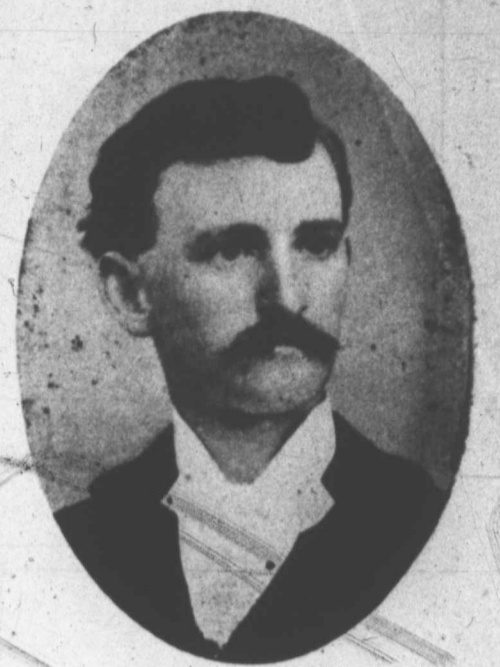
ficer of the county and in addition he is the tax-collector for the state and county taxes.

Dick Sanford is a fearless officer unwavering in his enforcement of the laws, alike to friend or foe showing favor to none. If you want him as a friend just obey the law, otherwise particular attention will be devoted to you until the courts give you proper attention. He succeeded a mighty good officer and many predicted that Dick would have his hands full looking after the business, but he hasn't. He at once let the people know that he proposed doing his whole duty, and he has had not the least trouble. The people of Randall county are peace-loving people and they greatly respect Mr. Sanford for his enforcement of the statutes of the state.

George L. Abbott.

Should you ask a resident of Canyon City about George L. Abbott you would receive a reply that Mr. Abbott is a "fine fellow." He is of the progressive type which, in building up a town, is not afraid to risk his judgment and is not afraid of being ahead of the times. He believes that it is impossible to be ahead of the times in the Panhandle but on the contrary that

it is all any one can do to keep up with them. Mr. Abbott is a good business man and he is one of the two gentlemen who are building the two story, sixty



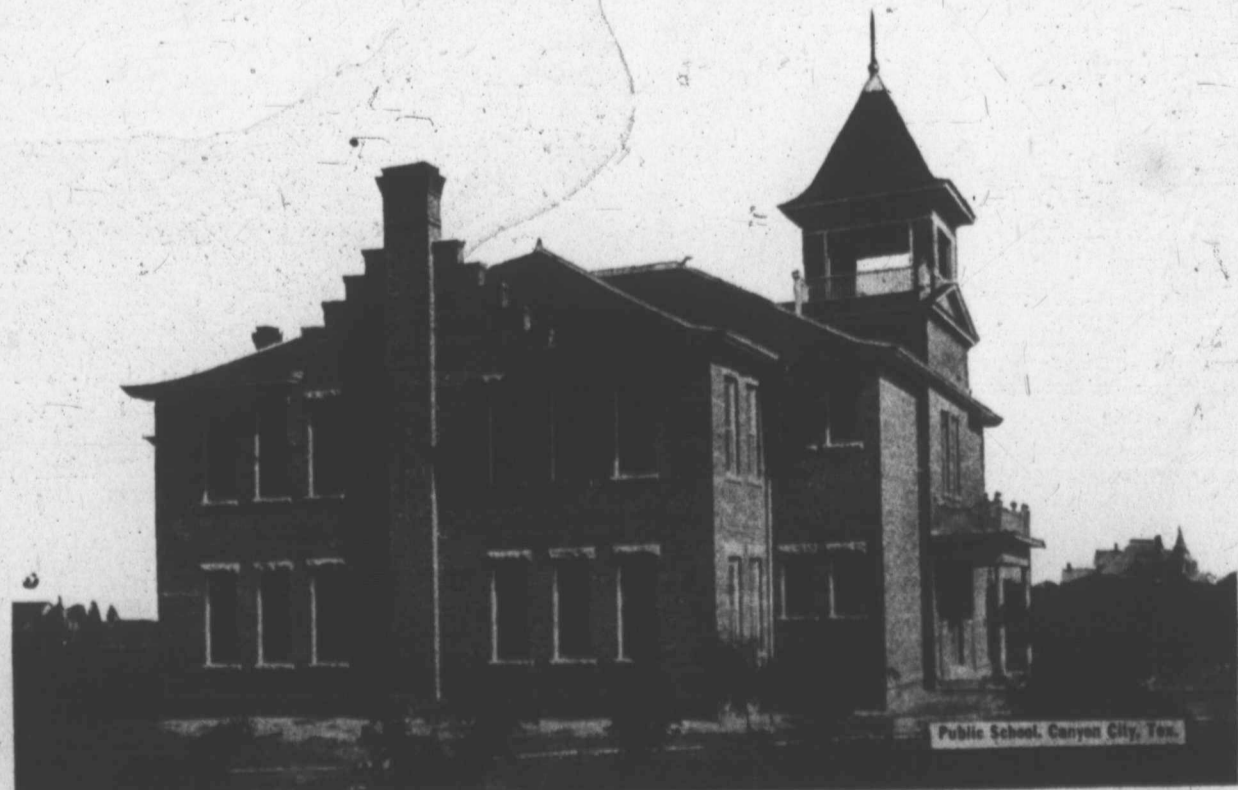
foot front store buildings on the southeast corner of the square, J. H. Hall of this city being his partner in the buildings. Mr. Abbott has owned a large number of tracts of land in Randall county and has made a financial success. He has business interests in other places in the state but his home is in Randall county and he likes it better the longer he lives in the country.

J. A. Edwards, Farmer.

Elsewhere in this edition we show the elegant, large home of J. A. Edwards, who lives just at the western edge of this city. His home is surrounded by a large tract of land, good outbuildings and it shows a general air of prosperity. Mr. Edwards came here when lands were selling at about \$2.50 per acre and his judgment at that time was that the country would eventually become a great farming section and he therefore invested all his limited means in the soil of the Plains, going in debt to a large extent in order that he might more readily secure the inevitable increase in value of the land when the rise came. His judgment was good except that the increase came sooner and was much larger than he had expected. By these investments Mr. Edwards has accumulated a great deal of "this world's goods" and is now enabled to live comfortably without the hard labor upon which he was forced to rely in his early struggles for a foothold.

Some of the eastern and northern papers are deliberately falsifying the conditions regarding the Panhandle. They have awakened to the fact that people are moving to the Panhandle faster than they are coming into their own home country and these papers are endeavoring to stem the tide. Every knock of the kind is a boost if any investigation is made.

A dissatisfied man left here a few weeks ago for his old northern home. He came back again and now is a booster for Randall county and the Panhandle. They are all alike.



As would readily seem this is a view of the public school building of this city. It is not necessary that we enter into a detailed description of the building for the picture will show that it is substantial and pretty. However, the eight rooms which the building contains are proving to be inadequate for the needs of the city schools and steps will soon have to be taken for additional school facilities.

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THE MODERN FARM-HOME OF MR. AND MRS. W. F. HELLER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heller.

Long before the Panhandle region was thought of as a farming country, Mr. Heller came here and in 1887 built his farm home on the Tierra Blanca and began mixed farming in connection with stock raising. His dugout was the first farm residence in the county. He hauled provisions 200 miles when they could not be purchased at the T. Anchor ran to where they kept ranch provisions freighted in from Wichita Falls.

If any readers think that they are taking any risk now, or that they are moving out of the world by coming West, we refer them to Mr. Heller and others. Look over this paper and note some of the many things we show in the line of progress, then compare conditions now with then. He succeeded from the first under difficulties and privations, and now enjoys a well earned com-

of 4310 acres and other tracts and lots in the city. Mr. Heller was for some years in the cattle business and gradually turned the proceeds of his herds and crops into land, and thus his holdings have been obtained from the resources of the country, good judgment and wise investments.

There are no more loyal people to their native country than Mr. and Mrs. Heller, who have spent so much of their useful lives here in their chosen home, and now here amid the busy scenes of more recent years, amid their temples of hope and memory where prophetic record: I would be willing to the triumphs of the past, they welcome the sons and daughters of other states. While they do not claim that this was the original garden of Eden and Canyon its gasper gate, they still think that it is the one loved spot on earth to them and will spend here their de lining years in peace and plenty.

When their heads are white with glory.

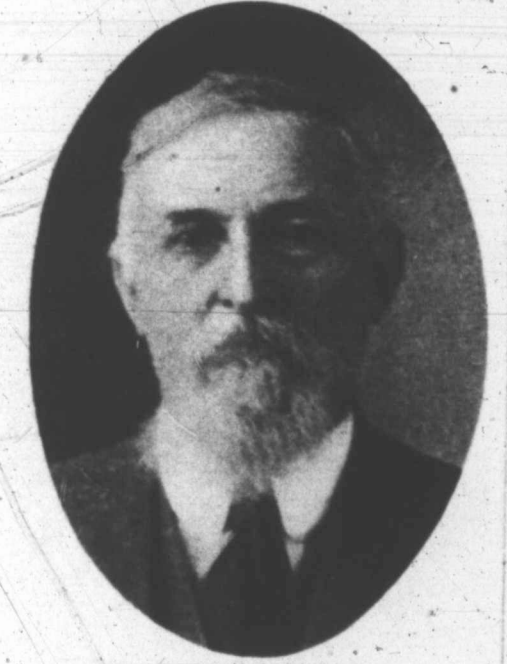
When the shadows from the West Lengthen as we tell the story.

In the veteran's Ward of rest, May no ingrate's word of sneering Reach their hearts so true and brave.

But may honor, praise and cheering Guide and guard them to the grave.

W. F. Heller was born in Texas and moved from Fayette County to Burnett County in 1869. In 1876 to Taylor County and from there to his present home April 16, 1887. When a young man he enlisted in the Fifth Texas Mounted Volunteers in September, 1861, and served until April 1865. Married Sept. 1897, Miss Susan Roberts at Amarillo. His father was a native of France and settled in Texas in the thirties, and was counted among the pioneers of that time. Mr. Heller has spent an active and useful life, always standing up for all that is good, taking the stand for the right and all that goes to make good citizenship, Texas can produce no better.

The record that Mr. Heller has made is an open book to all. I would be willing to live by that record: I would be willing to die by it. For whatever mistakes he has made, he has kept steadily in view the strict principles of honor and Christian integrity. It only remains for the writer to close this tribute to a worthy citizen and his good wife, and submit these few remarks which are wholly unsolicited by



W. F. HELLER.

petency in his fine home bearing tokens, surrounded by every convenience and luxury of living. Especial attention is due to his fine apple orchard and other fruit. He has eight acres on the home place in bearing and ten acres of young trees one mile from town. The quality and flavor of the fruit cannot be excelled. His Miss. Mrs. Pippins were ruled out of the Iowa State Fair exhibits because of their large size, the judges deciding that they could not be of that variety. Among other varieties are Limber Twigs, Rome Beauty, Yellow Cluster, all prolific and hardy.

The home farm near town consists of 50 acres, mostly farming land, and 100 acres nearby on which crops are raised. He also owns four and a half sections in Terry County, two sections in Yoakum County, making a total



COTTAGE OF MR. AND MRS. TRAVIS SHAW.

them:
 "Princes and lords may flourish and may fade,
 A breath can make them as a breath has made;
 But an honest yeomanry—a country's pride—
 If once destroyed can never be supplied."

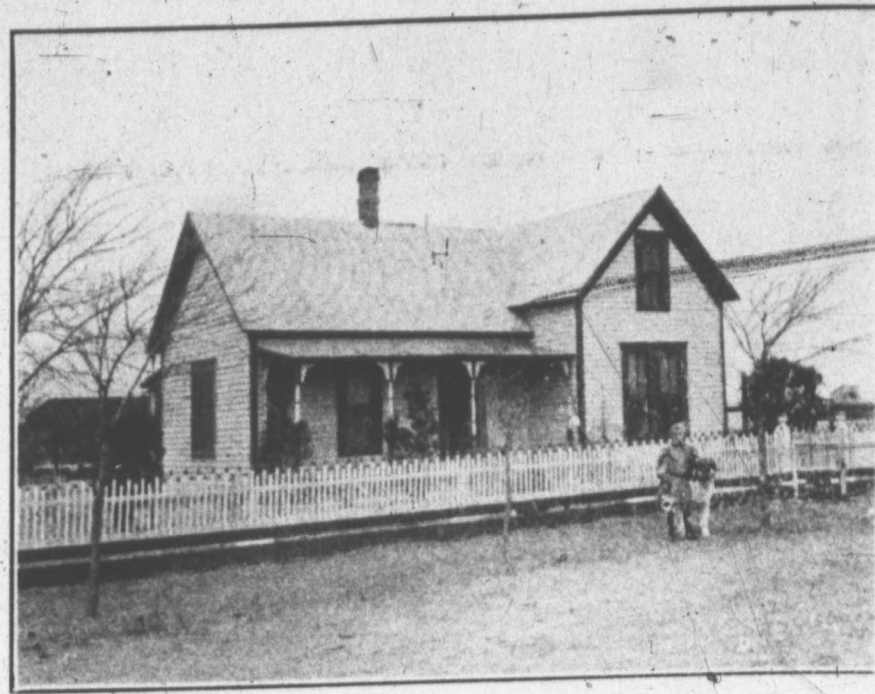
The Lair-Cowling Land Company.

The Lair-Cowling Land Company of this city is managed by L. C. Lair as the senior member of the firm, and L. E. Cowling as the junior one. Judge Lair is one of the "old timers" here having come when the cattlemen held sway and were trying to force the "nester" to return to his native heath. Judge Lair stuck it out and as a result he is now rated as being among the "best fixed" men of our county. He was at one time county judge of the county which office he held with entire satisfaction to his constituency.

L. E. Cowling is a product of Arkansas, coming to Randall

Reasoning and Civilization.

In the not very long ago, less than an average generation of human life, the Plains were tenanted by a few aborigines and many buffaloes. The white man came along and discovered that the judgment of the buffalo as to the rich, nutritious grass could be relied upon. The cattle raising industry forced a conspiracy against the American Bison and, imitating the government of the United States with reference to the aborigines, in convention assembled declared that the buffalo must go. A few years rolled around and this magnificent tenant of the plains was scattered to the four winds of the earth, so that now there are only a few remnants of the original stock. There followed the buffalo, herds upon herds of long horned cattle. They multiplied and fattened, and made their owners rich. The owners of these vast herds knew that a free empire favored by grass and rain could not be held any longer than



COTTAGE HOME OF JUDGE AND MRS. B. FRANK BULE.

smaller ranches, until by and by the man with the hoe came upon the scene and retired the cattle kings.

The Panhandle has thus passed through two notable invasions—one in which the buffalo was displaced by the long horn cattle herds, and the other in which the latter retired before the vanguard of civilization, proclaiming "diversified farming." Thus is exemplified the truth that "Westward the star of empire takes its way" and in the settlement of this section of the southwest the globe has been encircled and the field exhausted and truthfully it may be said that "Time's noblest offspring is the last."

"The Leader" Dry Goods Store.

"The Leader" Dry Goods and Clothing Emporium is all that its name implies. Mr. Hutchins, the manager, visits the wholesale markets twice each year and with experience and natural business tact he selects modern goods from Chicago, St. Louis and New York. By this method he can make the best choice of goods most suitable for the trade and get competing prices. That The Leader has made a great business success is conceded by all, and it is largely due to the untiring effort of Mr. Hutchins in placing before the people what they want, at low prices.

In dry goods, as in all other lines, the latest patterns in dress goods may be had here as cheaply as in any other place, and the same may be said of notions and staples. The "Hart, Schafner & Marx," "Becker Mayer & Co., for young men and boys" clothing are kept and men know the rest. Their style, color, and durability are known the world over. Ladies' tailored suits, skirts and garments are right from the latest in New York. The Florsheim shoes and other leading brands in great variety. The Selby Shoe Co. for ladies, Kaltz-Zinner Shoe Co. for children. Everything in Ladies' and Gents' furnishings, hats, caps, gloves, perfumes, suit cases and a thousand and one items belonging to the general line, may be had here. This is the only exclusive dry goods, clothing and notion house in the city and its growth and extensive trade produce the best evidence of its worth to this community. The new store will be a modern brick, plate glass front, completely furnished and up to date in every detail.

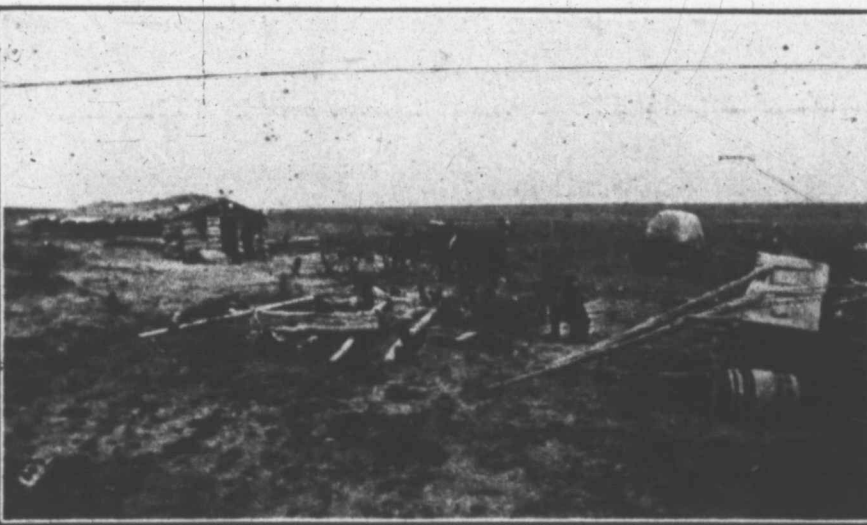
Those living in Randall County and all expecting to come may

feel assured that they will find The Ledger ready to fill their orders and that they will feel satisfied with both goods and prices.

Mr. Hutchins and his able corps of clerks are well informed, cordial and most accommodating and ask you to give them a fair trial. All are welcome to The Leader.

The attention of the public is invited to the store's wide and varied display of merchandise for spring and summer. Authoritative in style, suggested by fashion, new things have been coming in and you do not have to go to the end of the earth for what you want. The Leader does that for you. It helps to bring to your very door the best values at the lowest prices. You run no risk.

It is predicted that broom corn will be a great leader in the near future. It does exceedingly well, makes large yields and is a very profitable crop.

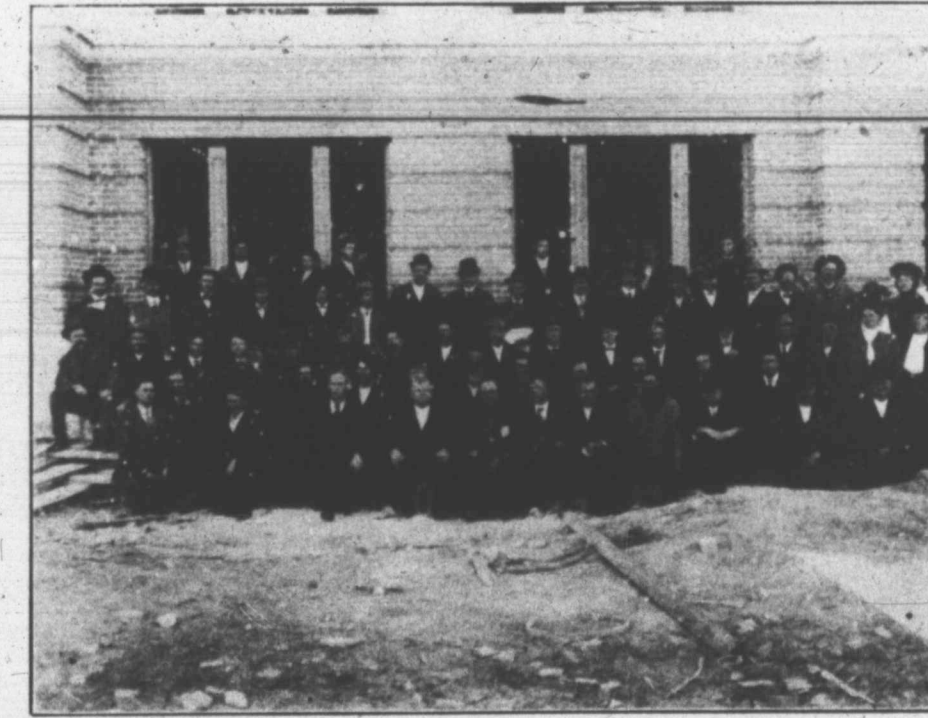


THE FIRST FARM-HOUSE IN RANDALL COUNTY WAS W. F. HELLER'S.

county from choice. He has likewise been successful and he it was who undertook and put into cultivation 600 acres of sod land last year, planting the entire tract in milo maize and kafir corn from which two crops he realized almost enough to pay for his land at the price at which he bought it. We give a picture of this field in another column.

It might be well to mention here that Judge Lair owns a tract of very valuable land near this city upon which he has one piece of alfalfa containing forty acres from which, last year, he secured a profit from alfalfa of a little over \$60 per acre. Both

it became known in the east and middle west that the rain and grass could be relied on to breed and fatten cattle. They knew the agriculturist and stock farmer would spy out the land. Those long-headed old cattle kings were careful to keep before the reading public in the east the impression that, it never rained in the Panhandle; that mirages, cowboys, horse pistols, poor cattle and scarcity of water were the principal monotony breakers in what they were pleased to call the "Great American Desert," but the Fort Worth & Denver road had to cross this "Great American Desert" to connect up



A GROUP OF SOME BUSINESS PEOPLE OF CANYON CITY.

these men believe in diversified farming and practice their belief as a look at their farms this year will tell.

As a real estate firm they enjoy the very high standing which they deserve. Having, as a member of the firm, a man who is well acquainted with every section of land in this and adjoining counties, and having that business integrity which calls for and retains the confidence of the people, the firm could not be anything but a success.

Grape culture is increasing every year and can be made successful in practically every part of the state. The following varieties have been tested and found good shippers: Albania, America, Bailey, Beacon, Blondin, Brilliant, Carmen, Cloet's Manito, Muscadine, Mericadel and Wapanka.

Fort Worth and Denver. It began to dawn on travelers that occasionally railway bridges were washed out and that the spring and summer brought with them a carpet of green grass, presenting to their view thousands of fat cattle and other conditions unknown in desert lands. A hardy and inventive people, in convention assembled, reasoned thusly: That the Buffalo could not live on the plains without rain and grass; that his habitat would not have been wrested from him but for the profit of grazing cattle, and that when cattle can live upon grass alone for every month in the year there is much in the soil, climate and seasons adapted to the diversified farming industry.

Free grass gave way to private ownership in large tracts, and large tracts were subdivided into



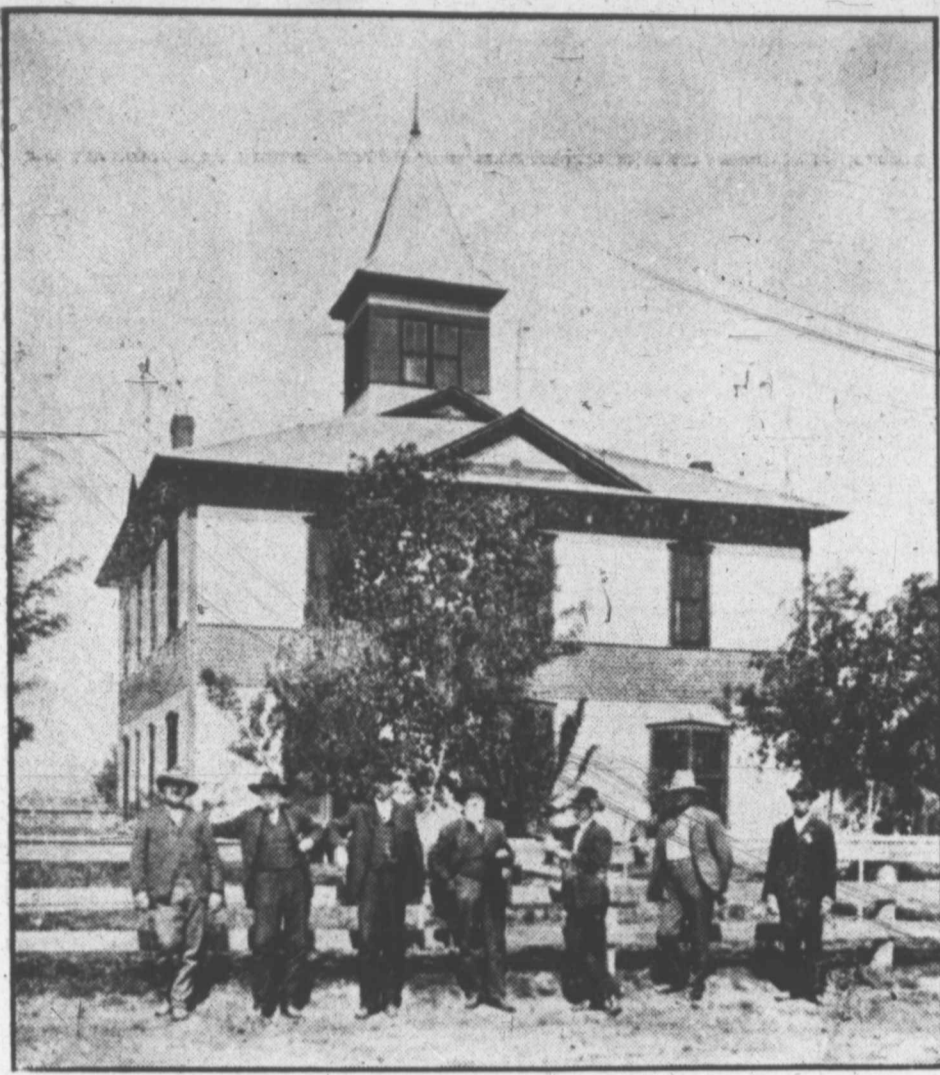
MRS. W. F. HELLER.

The "glorious climate" of other localities is often deserted upon by writers, but that of Texas really deserves the appellation much more than many higher vaunted localities. Here the biting edge of the northern winter is neither felt or feared, and scorching, subtropical heat never invades the boundaries; for the delightful breeze of the Gulf cools almost the entire state. The winters are bracing and delightful, the summer periods of comfortable warmth, pleasant and agreeable to the invalid, and full of attractiveness to the healthy and vigorous. The claims made for the climate of Texas are strong, but they do not lack for the best corroboration.

Three distinct coal fields are found in Texas, making an abundant supply of fuel at moderate cost. The output for 1906 was 1,300,000 tons.



THE BEAUTIFUL HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROWAN, SR.



This building has now been replaced by a modern, three story brick building in the center of the square. The first big court house for Randall county, a picture of which appears on this page, was remodeled and the cupola placed in the center and a new roof built. The building then stood until last year when it was removed to make place for a modern building. The gentlemen in front are a number of the county officials at the time the picture was taken.

Transformation of Livestock Industry on the Plains.

Wm. Penn Anderson, Livestock Agent, Santa Fe Railway Lines, in the Panhandle Mirror.

The Llano Estacado, by which name the deep-soiled, grass-carpeted plateau embracing in part and as a whole about thirty counties in the Panhandle of Texas, and much of it adjoining New Mexico, has been known for over a quarter of a century as the greatest summer cattle grazing grounds on the American continent.

On account of the higher and almost uniform altitude, this vast section is naturally immune or free from the parasitical pest known as the fever tick, and as a consequence became a great storehouse for commercial cattle reared in the breeding grounds of Central and Southern Texas, which were brought across the quarantine line during an open season in the late winter and early spring. When these cattle were fairly located in their respective positions or on the New Mexican range, they largely increased in value, because they were eligible to be shipped or driven without further question to the vast grazing grounds of the upper west and the feed lots of the older states.

In order to supply an outlet for this great traffic, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railways, the greatest factor in the upbuilding of the Southwest, extended their road in this direction, finally concluding arrangements for a base at Amarillo, after which for a number of years Amarillo became the largest cattle embarking point ever known in the history of the cattle trade.

The reason that these great plains were peculiarly adapted to summer grazing, was because of the fact that for weeks at a time during the winter months they are entirely covered with snow, which covers the short, nutritious

the sides of both sire and dam, being selected from the best bred herds of the North. With this opportunity the "four section" lishing small fine stock farms, the products from which has demonstrated on the markets and at the fat stock shows that the Panhandle of Texas takes first rank in America, as a semi-agricultural and fine cattle country, having at present the largest area devoted to this particular branch of industry in the United States. The solutions that these processes have brought about, though seemingly marvelous, have only commenced, for of the twenty-five million acres of land, 90 per cent is arable, deep soiled, and fertile to an excellent degree, capable of abundantly producing and maturing all plant life which can be produced in the temperate zone, thus promising greater development along semi-agricultural and stock farming lines, which are and ever will be the ideal American home maker.

The most graphic illustration of the plains as they are transforming, was a year or so ago, expressed in a paragraph of a letter written by my wife, "Alice Traylor Anderson," at the request of my old friend and newspaper colleague, the late Frank Grice, of the San Antonio Express, who asked her to write her impressions of the plains, which is about as follows:

"It reminds me of the vast lawn tennis ground, dotted over with green island homes of tree and vine."

When it is taken into consideration that there is less than a million acres of this fertile country now under cultivation, and that



Canyon City has a volunteer fire department and has for its present fire fighting apparatus, a fire engine capable of throwing a heavy stream of water to the top of the spire of the new court house, a hose reel with one thousand feet of good hose. This picture was taken during a time when the fire engine and its powers were being tested, and at the time the picture was taken the stream of water was reaching the top of the court house tower.

cattle trails led to make her the greatest cattle market has operated to accelerate and substantiate Amarillo's growth as one of the wealthiest in both a physical and business sense.

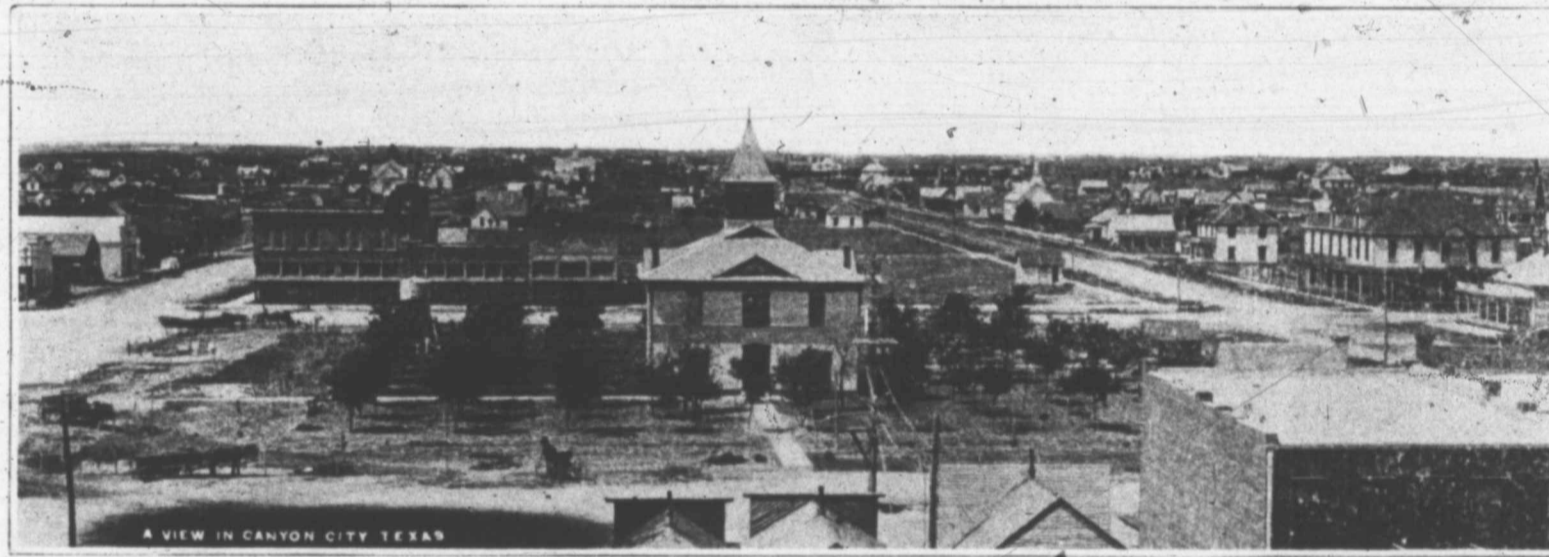
You ask me to tell you the part that I have taken as special livestock agent of the Santa Fe in the promotion of this work. I will say that it is merely incidental. This is a railroad era, and the Santa Fe system is the greatest factor in the new civilization of the Southwest, following back the crude and earlier developments in the most direct lines of least resistance, and most encouragement from the president and general manager down to the smallest

trail their cattle to Newton, Kansas, in 1871, to Wichita and Grand Bend, Kansas, in 1872, and in 1873. Of those contemporaneous with me at that time in the Company livestock service that I know of now, is Peyton Montgomery, who is in business in the Kansas City stock yards.

In the fall of 1873, at the suggestion of Mr. Nettleton, I went to Chicago and organized a bureau of livestock information, which consisted simply of aggregating the number of cars spotted and used in the various branches of the livestock industry as reported periodically to the superintendents of the railroads, whose officers were directors of the Un-

made this country great and no one more than the community in which we live at present. The light of transpiring events, recording the almost marvelous changes within a single year confirm the most skeptical that the great Santa Fe family has a soulful community of interests with the country and its inhabitants, and that it carries the true gross upon which is inscribed the great watchwords, "Onward and Upward."

We present herewith the pictures of little Misses Francis Ruth and Josie May Wiggins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wiggins who live south of this city. Sam is a native of Kaufman county, having been born there—well it don't make any difference how long ago, but he adopted Randall county as his



This birdseye view of Canyon City does not represent the town as it now is. In the place of the old court house now stands the large building which the county has just built for public use. Beyond and to the right of the court house the new bank building for the First National Bank and the new building now being constructed for Judge L. C. Lair, should appear while in the left foreground should be shown five new brick store buildings which have gone up since the original picture was taken, while in the background there ought to be many new residences, some of them rivaling the best in the bigger cities. We show this scene, however for the purpose of giving the thoughtful an idea of the change which has taken place here within the past year. The rapid development of Canyon City and Randall county is worth considering for it is of a substantial nature.

grounds of Middle and Southern Texas, with its attendant cotton gins, mills, and feeding establishments, the supply of cattle for the large improved grazer, or big pasture men on the plains, became limited, causing the abrogation of leases and the dispersion of the interests of large landed proprietors, especially those whose holdings embraced alternate sections, which under a generous land law of Texas, were taken up in four section allotments by actual settlers having large, well-bred herds along the rivers and canyons, and under the "Cap Rock" to draw on for a basis, chiefly that of Charles Goodnight, whose cattle were practically pure bred along beef lines on

by apportioning one hundred acres to each plowman that there are less than 10,000 persons riding cultivators, and that one acre of kafir corn makes three acres of grass go as far toward sustaining animal life throughout the year as twenty did under the old system when lack of sufficient stock feed obtained, then, it is easy to comprehend that with a population of fifty thousand following the plow, such would mean a population on the basis of one to five of two hundred and fifty thousand people in agricultural homes, with a population of cities and towns increased in proportion with Amarillo as the central city of the northern plains; the same strategic situation to which all

wage earner in the list of employees, and the patrons' subconscious loyalty and affiliation for the common good as far as transplanting and widening the opportunities for the betterment of human life obtains. What is true of the Santa Fe, I presume is true of other great railways of Western America. The old London cockney expression, "corporations 'ave no souls," does not apply to the great railways of Middle and Western America, nor the people they sustain and serve. While the roseate and rather optimistic view may not seem consistent with recent events and the wholesome ermination and reermination of a sensational portion of the American public, I can plainly see a cessation of strife and a spirit of loyalty in the great Santa Fe family and returning to the fold of many a misguided master of flocks, and I will say by way of conclusion that I would rather be an accredited agent of a modern railway than carry any prescribed on the embossed diploma of a modern graduate of a socialistic college whose guardian political statesmanship is based on the studies of antiquities and guided by the dictation of an ignorant and intolerant past.

My connection with the livestock interests of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway commenced when George H. Nettleton was at its head, for whom I gathered data and solicited shipments among the drovers of Texas, to

Stock Yards & Transit Co. The Burlington and the Santa Fe were the chief patrons of this service. Sol Hopkins, the purchasing agent of the Chicago Stock Yards Co., using this information as a basis for the purchase of hay and corn, caused my employment among these other lines identified with the promotion of livestock interests to become continuous with the Union Stock Yards, until the railway representatives were dropped from the stock yards directors, when I naturally drifted on, where my affiliations fortunately have always been with the progressive elements, which have

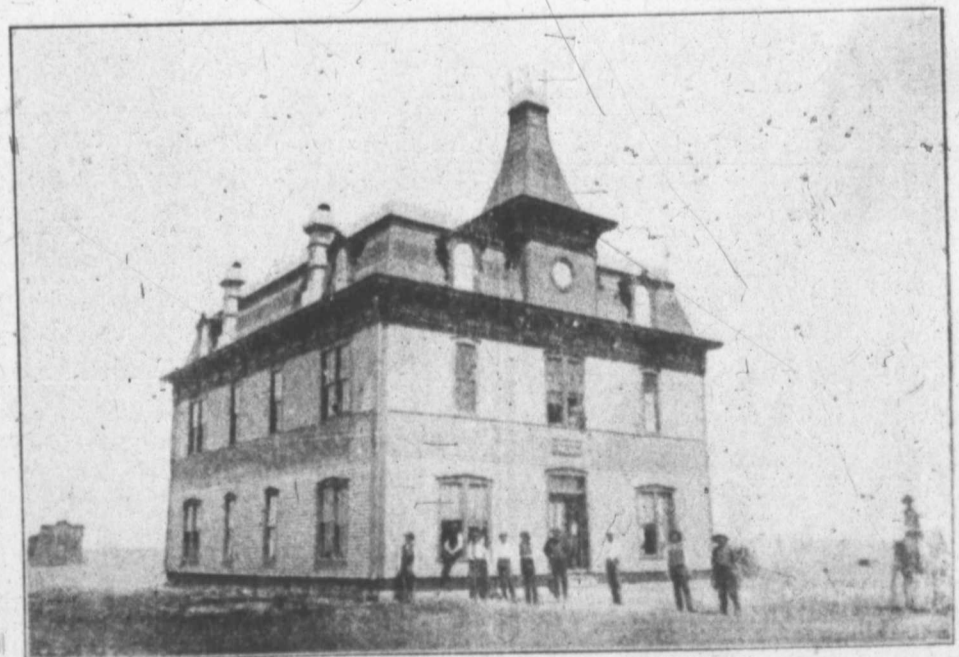


Some nine years ago and has not the least intention of ever living anywhere else. He farms this country and likes it. His wife was Miss Mabel Ruth Upfold, the daughter of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. E. A. Upfold of this city. Sam wouldn't let us have his picture for publication. He claims that if you ever see him you will know why. But at any rate a couple of mighty sweet little girls, whose pictures we show, are his.

Coward's confectionery for confections.



This picture shows but a very small portion of the immense gathering of people in this city at the time that the corner stone for the new court house for Randall county was laid. Masons were present from all over the Plains to assist in the ceremonies on that occasion, and a barbecue dinner was served upon the grounds. To the right, in the distance, appears the old court house building which has been removed for the new structure. To the left appears some of the large, modern storehouses of the city.



This court house appears to be set in a desolate place in the broad prairies, and indeed, in those days it did seem as if it were out in the outskirts of civilization. The small building to the left was the first original court house for Randall county and was about twenty by thirty feet in size. The large building was the next court house and was built in the days when lumber had to be hauled many miles from the railway station.



Photos of the Children

Little Girls in short dresses, how sweet they are, and how cute the **Little Boys** in knee pants. Parents, why not get pictures of them while their love is all yours?

Photos made of **Grown Folks** too in latest styles. You will be satisfied with the work and price at the

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is the only consolation that you have if you have been so unfortunate as to lose your home by fire. But think what it would be if you had no policy with our companies.

The Price of the Premium

is so small and the benefit is so great that you should not be foolhardy enough to think you can get along without it.

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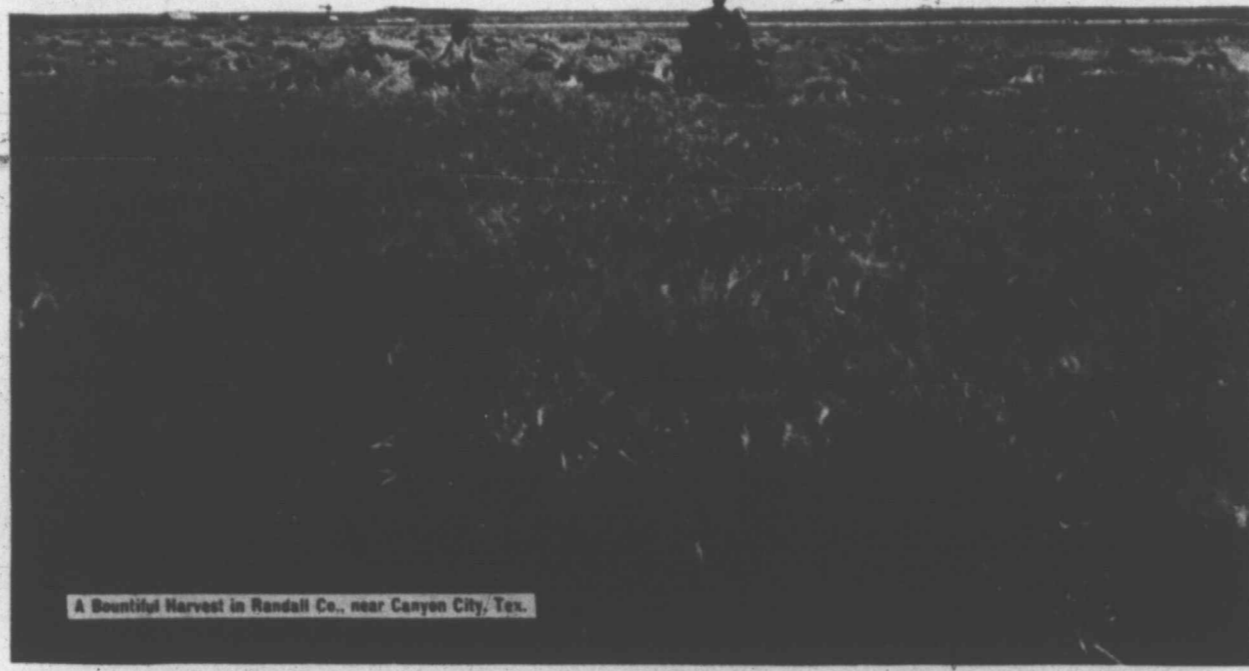
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EXPERT
Horse Shoer

Blacksmith Too.



A Beautiful Harvest in Randall Co., near Canyon City, Tex.

Judge C. T. Word, Farmer and Ranchman.

One of the few large ranchmen remaining in this section of the state is Judge C. T. Word of this city and he is still a big ranchman on account of the fact that he is plenty able to do things on a large scale. He has been identified with this country since the early days of the cow punchers and the coyote; has seen the large ranches disappear as if by magic and in their stead rise up good farm houses and fertile fields. While he is still in the prime of life he has accumulated property which were the people of the county of an averieious nature, would be the envy of nearly every man in the county. He owns a large ranch in Potter county, another in Swisher county and in addition has large landed interests in Randall county.

Judge Word is a believer in good stock and to that end has carefully made a study of everything in connection with his business and has brought the standard of the stock which he raises on his ranch up to the highest notch. He believes that if you are going to do anything do it well. He is also a hog raiser. He has a half section of land near this city upon which he has about 250 acres of alfalfa. This place he devotes to the raising of good hogs, and feeding of them for market. He rarely buys hogs for the reason that he raises the pigs, believing that if there is any money in raising hogs that there is money in raising them entirely from your own breeding. In addition he knows that he has good stock. He has made a great success of the hogs and cattle business. He has one of the best arranged hog barns in the state and since he has shipped out all the fat hogs that he will market at any early date he still has on hands at his hog ranch over 500 head of sows, pigs and shoats.

Men of such business capacity as Judge Word has shown himself to be cannot help but have the interests of his home city and county at heart and there is never a proposition presented to him but that, if it is a worthy cause, he is willing to help as much or more than anybody, and he makes his judgments in such matters quickly and accurately. This kind of a man is the proper kind to have any community.

Peeler Real Estate Company.

R. M. Peeler and Charlie Thomas are the members of this enterprising real estate firm. They have their offices in the Peeler building on the east side of the square and they are neatly fitted up for their business.

Mr. Peeler, the head of the firm, has been in this country for the past seventeen years during which time, for six years, he was county and district clerk of this county. He is, therefore, well informed in land prices, titles and quality. He has invested heavily in lands and town property and owns a valuable list of both business and residence property here thus showing his confidence in the town and county. He has seen it grow in value as the country settled up and although cheap at first his property is of high value. His official experience, combined with his

fine business ability and long residence here, has given him advantages and he has improved the opportunity; and why could not any reader of this paper do the same while yet the opportunity offers. If the people of the crowded East could be educated to the fact that the Panhandle offers the same inducements in productive soil and a climate a thousand times healthier, it would be but a short time until they would secure a home where these ideal conditions exist and at a price much less than the lands in the older states.

Charlie Thomas is a Randall county boy. Not that he was born here but from the fact that he was but a small lad when his father moved to this county. For a long time he was actively connected with Thomas Brothers furniture business, but retired to enter the land business with this firm. He of course knows every condition which has existed since he was big enough to observe and is therefore peculiarly fitted for the real estate business.

These gentlemen are doing what they can to induce more people to come and farm our fertile prairies and build up our towns, schools and other institutions. They sell lands in any quantities and on reasonable terms.

It is a noted fact that you hear less swearing and loud talking on the streets of Canyon City than you do on the streets of any city of the north. This is commented upon by nearly every man from the north who comes here.

Randall county raises more hogs than any county on the Plains. They always top the market when sold.

Ora A. May.



Genial, jovial and a hustler. Those words express something of the qualities which are possessed by Ora A. May, a young man of this city who developed most rapidly since he came to Randall county. By trade he is a blacksmith—and a good one too. He is not in the least afraid of work because he has always been of such a nature that work agrees with him more than idleness. Were he not working at his trade at the Harter Blacksmith shop, he would be busy at something else. He always has a good word for everybody, having that sunny disposition which wins and holds friends. "Shorty," as his friends call him, deserves credit because he is a self-made man.

ROOM WANTED—Two young single men, good habits, desire to rent furnished room. Address P. O. Box 384, Canyon. 13 1tp

Notice of Depository.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Board of Trustees of the independent school districts as set forth in Section 154a of the laws of the Thirty-first

Legislature, relating to the election of a treasurer for said independent school districts making it the duty to advertise for bids and select as treasurer for the scholastic year beginning September 1, 1909, and ending August 31, 1910, that person or corporation who offers the best bid of interest on average daily balances. The bond of such treasurer must be in double the estimated amount of receipts coming annually into his hands.

Under the above provisions and restrictions the Board of Trustees of the Canyon City Independent School District, will receive bids until the 10th day of July, 1909, when such bids will be opened and the person or corporation offering the best bid of interest will be selected as such Treasurer, subject to the condition that the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids that do not strictly conform to the provisions of the law.

F. M. WILSON, Pres.
CYRUS EARMAN, Sect'y, Board of Trustees, Canyon City Independent School District. 13 3t

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Randall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon F. M. Riley, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 47th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 47th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Randall County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Canyon City, on the second Monday in November, A. D. 1909, the same being the eighth day of November, A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the third day of May A. D. 1909, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 422, wherein W. C. Campbell is Plaintiff, and F. M. Riley is Defendant; and said petition alleging, Now comes W. C. Campbell who resides in the County of Potter and State of Texas, hereinafter called the Plaintiff and complaining of F. M. Riley, whose residence is to Plaintiff unknown, hereinafter styled Defendant, and for cause of action Plaintiff represents to the Court that on or about the 5th day of October, A. D. 1907, Plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Randall County, Texas holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:

All of Lot No. 11 and Lot No. 12 in Block No. 27 of the original town of Canyon City, Randall County, Texas as shown by the recorded map of Canyon City of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Randall County and being a part of Survey No. 34, Block B5 H. & G. N. Railway Company in said Randall County; that on the day and year last aforesaid Defendant unlawfully entered on said premises and ejected Plaintiff therefrom unlawfully keeping him from the possession thereof to the damage of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars.

Wherefore Plaintiff Prays judgment of the Court that Defendant be cited to appear and answer this Petition, and that Plaintiff have possession of the above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, for his damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and equity, that he may be justly entitled to receive, etc., W. C. Campbell.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, M. P. Garner, Clerk of the District Court of Randall County.

Given under my hand, and the seal of said Court, at office in Canyon City this 3rd day of June, A. D., 1909.

M. P. GARNER,
Clerk, Dist. Court, Randall County.
By T. V. REEVES,
[L. S.] Deputy.

For the very best of material
Used see us.
Long leaf yellow pine our specialty.
The best is none too good for
Our customers.
Now it's up to you.

Lots of material on hand and
Under sheds—
More satisfaction and
Better results.
Every time you trade with us you
Receive a bargain.

Come and get in
On the ground floor.

RAINY DAYS

Come to everybody. Life has more ups than downs. Right now, while you are making, you ought to be saving; then when the downs come you will have something to fall back upon.

Where is the money you have been earning all these years? You spent it and somebody else put it in the bank. Why don't you put your own money in the bank for yourself—why let the other fellow save what you earn?

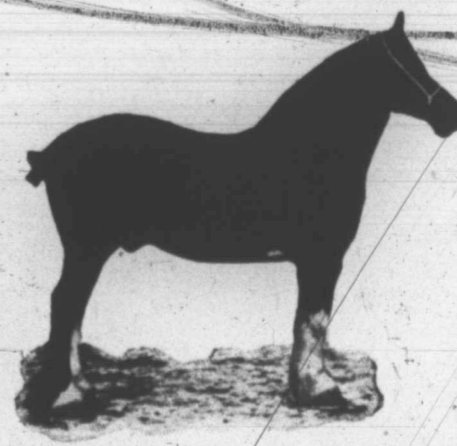
BE INDEPENDENT
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START A BANK ACCOUNT
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...Draft Stallions...

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SHIRE



ROY, No. 45641, sired by Le-vain, No. 40583; dam, Bell, No. 34200; is a black grey, four years old.

BEN J., No. 9539, sire, Pemb-ridge Primate, 5837; dam, Som-ersham, 7292 by Dexter, 4980, is a beautiful bay, five years old.

These horses are large, heavy boned drafters of fine quality and style, beautiful colors and good dispositions.

They are the kind that every breeder of draft horses should be looking for.

Season: \$15.00 to insure colt.

These horses will make the season on the Younger place one-half mile south from Canyon City.

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Do not take it for "granted." Demand an Abstract before you pay out your money. Trades are tied up every day for want of sufficient record title. Our business is Abstracting. Careful and prompt attention to all such matters.

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Long Time, Easy Payments
Reliable Representatives Wanted.

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OUR LEADER:

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Grain, Hay, Etc.

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Is one of the great enemies of mankind. How many endure, day after day, this nerve racking strength sapping pain without thought of its origin. The cause is never sought by the majority of sufferers—they endure and wonder.

Eighty per cent of all headaches are caused by defective eyes—with proper glasses all distressing pains would vanish.

Examine the eyes thoroughly, scientifically and fit glasses to all defects and guarantee satisfaction. Examinations free. I have the Health Ray Lenses.

Watch and Jewelry repairing neatly and quickly done.

CHAS. OREN

East Side of Square,
In Thompson's Drug Store

Ganyon City, Texas

Northwestern Title Co.

Complete Abstract of All
Randall County Property
R. A. TERRILL, MANAGER



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that cannot be beaten is contained in a box of our dainty chocolates and bonbons.

Every Good Flavor

is represented, every combination of the confectioner's skill. To see is to want. To taste is to want more. Try a box of them. They taste as good to the girl of 77 as they do to the girl of 17.

Harrell's Bonton
CONFECTIONERY

Let the Panhandle Bakery furnish your bread and cakes.

Keiser Brothers & Phillips.

When it comes to actual settling of the lands of Randall county and the Panhandle we doubt if there is another concern in existence which has done more for the rapid development of the farming interests in this section than the firm of Keiser Brothers & Phillips, who do a real estate business here with offices in this city, Keota, Iowa, and Red Key, Indiana.

They do what would almost be termed a wholesale business, meaning thereby that they bring people here by the score. They make a trip twice each month from the northern states to this city bringing down from one to four private Pullman cars loaded with prospectors. They look principally for the successful farmer who wants to move to this country and establish a home in a live, wide-awake and prosperous section of the greatest state in the Union.

They began their operation here three years ago bringing their first private car about August 1, 1906, since that time they have been busy as bees. The list of their sales in this county, Swisher, Castro and Deaf Smith would sum total much more than any other firm operating in this section of the state—and their entire business has been conducted upon such a basis that it is bound to be satisfactory to their clients. It is a significant fact that they have never had any trouble whatever with any sale ever made, never had any lawsuit with those to whom they have sold. As evidence that their clients are making money they have never had to foreclose a single note which they have taken in their large land business.

This firm are really real estate dealers. They do not handle land on commission but buy the land outright and then sell it to their customers. By this method they are enabled to know that they can deliver a tract of land when sold, that they can make such terms as would suit the pos-

sible buyer, and above all they give to the purchasers that strong financial backing which the firm has, a guarantee which is not always given in the sales of land. Should any trouble ever arise relative to the titles to lands, the purchasers are thereby amply protected against financial loss by reason of the guarantee of the firm.

Keiser Brothers & Phillips is a firm composed of C. O. Keiser, W. S. Keiser and George Phillips and they are of that broad, energetic and hustling type which make empire builders. They believe in the future of this country and as evidence of the possibilities they maintain a demonstration farm about three miles from this city. This model farm contains 1700 acres, practically all of which is tillable. They have 120 acres in fine alfalfa and about 1000 acres of other land in cultivation. This land they use in determining the best methods of cultivation of the soil in this immediate section and it is done in such a matter that it will be of material worth to this country through all time to come, for in addition to labor, the very best thoughts of competent men are concentrated upon the methods used and results obtained. These men give out the information as to plans and methods.

These gentlemen have also in view, the development of the quality of stock raised for farming purposes here. They believe that the draft horse should have as much thought for successful work upon land as does the proper preparation of the soil. In fact they think that without the proper kind of horses and mules to do the work the right kind of work cannot be done, at least not as satisfactorily and as quickly as it should be. They now have on their farm the best stallions that they can get for this country and just recently imported a stallion direct from France to their local barns. Their mares are all of full blood, and a trip to their home ranch house and barns



Alfalfa Field on Farm Keiser Bros. and Phillips, N. W. from Canyon City, Tex.

goods brought in by farmers who had purchased land from these people.

In conclusion the word "confidence" might be termed the keynote of their business success. They have confidence in this country and their buyers have placed confidence in the firm, and this has not, in a single instance been misplaced.

The Plains Land Company.

J. Frank Smith and C. T. DeGraffenreid are the active members of this firm which they organized for the purpose of buying and selling Texas lands in large and small tracts. They also act as agents in the listing and selling lands on commission. They represent some 600,000 acres of land which is for sale in large tracts and it is suitable for subdivision into farms and small ranches. They are not limited in their scope of territory carrying on deals every where. They have resided here for many years and have always been successful business men. They now own farming lands, business property and nice residences in this city.

Your Supplies

are matters that interest you very much just at this time. We are in a position to offer you some exceedingly low prices in the lines of goods which we handle. Our expenses at Umbarger are small and we can therefore sell on a closer margin than other people.

Dry Goods

Particular attention is called to the prices on our dry goods, shoes, hats and all kinds of wearing apparel. They are well worth investigating.

Groceries

Our good stock of things to eat, bought at the right time and at low prices, gives us an opportunity to save you money which you musn't miss.

Hardware

If you are in need of anything in this line let us show you our line and name the price. You will buy.

It is our intention to keep what you need and sell it at a low price. Come to see us.

Paul M. Will
Umbarger, Texas.

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PURE, FRESH MILK FROM THE HEALTHIEST OF COWS. LET US SUPPLY YOU IN ANY QUANTITY FROM A PINT UP. PROMPT DELIVERY ANYWHERE
H. S. BURNHAM, Proprietor. C. H. HALEY, Manager

THE O. K. DAIRY

HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENTS

The people of Randall and surrounding counties have learned to know that if they want anything in the hardware or implement line they can get it at our big store and they know that they can get it at the right kind of price. Our large building and warehouse permit us to handle the best and most complete line of goods and we do it in order that our reputation for having just the thing necessary might be retained.

Shelf and Heavy Hardware

Our stock of goods in the main salesroom is complete in each and every department. We have everything from the tin spoons up to the best kitchen range. We have builders' tools of all kinds, refrigerators, gasoline and kerosene stoves, bath tubs and such like. We are willing to compare prices with anyone, quality being considered.

Vehicles

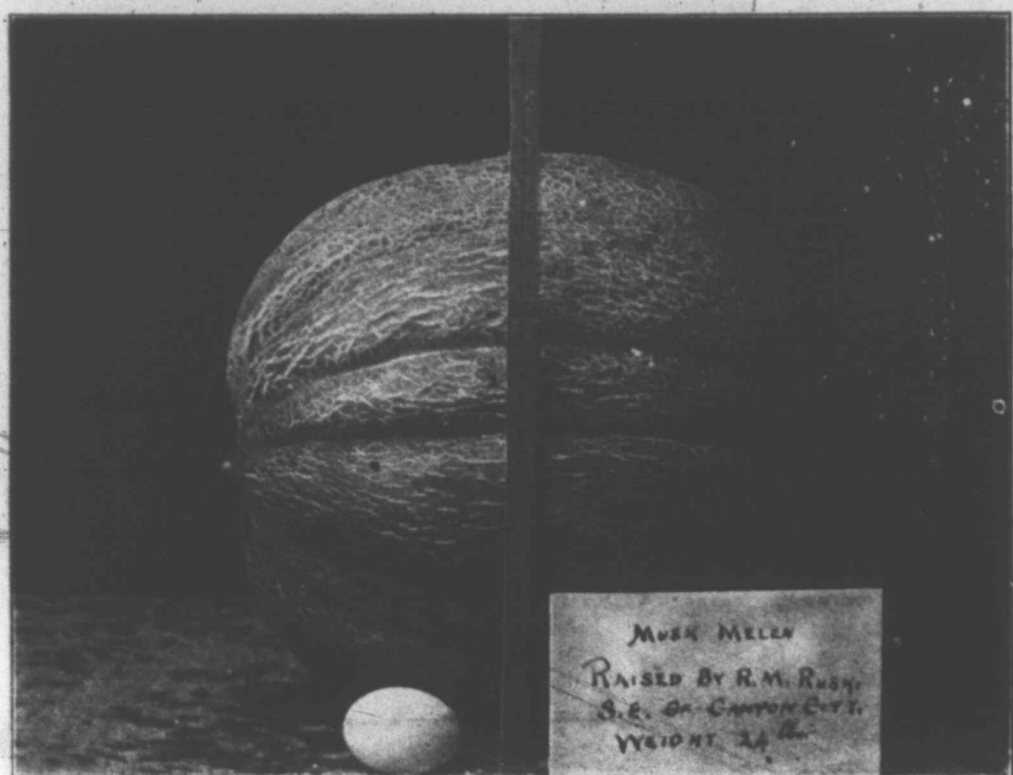
Our many years' experience in this country places us in a position to know the best makes of buggies, surries and wagons which are suitable here, and we have them always in stock.

We invite inspection and solicit at least a portion of your trade. You will become a satisfied customer.

Implements

Having been interested in farming extensively we have the best makes of all kinds of farm implements and always keep a large stock of extras on hand to that should anything happen to your plows or machinery, you may be able to repair it at once. This is an important item.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT
CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY



MOTHER MELEN
RAISED BY R. M. RUSH
S. E. OF CANYON CITY
WEIGHT 3 1/2

J. L. Pritchard.

Mr. Pritchard owns 617 acres one mile northeast of the city. The cedar log house on the farm is the oldest house in Randall County and was headquarters for the T-Anchor ranch. This farm is on the Paloduro and Tierra Blanco, having about three miles besides fresh water springs. The farm is fenced and cross-fenced, has 250 acres cultivated, 400 acres of sub-irrigated alfalfa land and 100 acres of growing alfalfa. A trial cutting of eight acres baled out \$6 to the acre and was cut five times, or \$30 per acre for the year.

Mr. Pritchard raises horses and cattle on his farm, which he considers the best method of marketing all grain and forage crops.

He is breaking more of his pasture lands for crop purposes.

A bank of brick sand on the creek has been tested for pres brick and is the best in the United

States. There is also fine shale within a mile of the city, and all things considered, there is a fine opening for a brick plant.

Mr. Pritchard has a residence in the city and belongs to the firm of **Fritchard & Co.** Manufacturing Tinners and Plumbers.

They take contracts for outside work, roofing, spouting, tanks, piping, lavatories, baths, and everything in the plumbing line, for which they employ first-class workmen. They handle pumps and do windmill repair work, and are agents for the Fort Worth well machines.

Mr. Pritchard came to Randall County eighteen years ago.

The Town of Umbarger.

In another column we show a drawing of the new Catholic church building which has just been completed at the town of Umbarger which is situated on

the western line of this county. The Catholics, as a general rule, hold together and settle in one community so as to have the advantages of their own church and schools. The Southwest Catholic Colonization Company, managed by Messrs. Mantz & Peacock, which has for sale the townsite of Umbarger and a large acreage of farm lands in that vicinity, in fact controlling the principal part of the land now for sale in that part of the county, has settled quite a number of Catholic families in and around Umbarger, mostly of German stock known as thrifty farmers and merchants.

Umbarger is on the main line of the Santa Fe railway and is in the shallow water belt and is surrounded by as fine a country as there is in the whole state. The town is growing very rapidly, a very large brick store building having just been completed, the

new church building also just been delivered to the congregation, another new store building in the course of construction, and a new lumber yard just established. In addition new residences are springing up in and around Umbarger. The cement brick manufacturing plant at that place has been successfully operating and is finding it hard to supply the demand for their products which is ever increasing.

All of Randall County is underlaid with sheet water, which guarantees a never failing well at any spot where one would desire to sink it. The water is pure, soft and cool, and exists in inexhaustible quantities at a depth of 30 to 100 feet. Randall County belongs in the shallow water belt of the Plains.

Many fresh water streams contain bass, croppie, perch, buffalo and catfish.

A Modern Farm Home.

T. C. Simms resides six miles west of Canyon City, where he first bought 1280 acres. Later he sold 200 acres, leaving 1080. Since coming here from Missouri two years ago he has built all the modern improvements shown in the view and done some fencing. His fine orchard is just coming into bearing, and consists of apples, peaches, plums, pears, grapes, etc. Three hundred and twenty acres are in cultivation, where he raises Kafir corn, maize, wheat and oats. He has been successful with crops, farming is easy and pays a better percentage on the investment especially forage crops for cattle, than anywhere he ever lived. He has a private water system, good water, good health and climate, and would sooner live here than any place he ever saw. When asked his price he said the farm was not on the market, yet he might take \$40 per acre if he had a chance to look around first.



In another column of this paper we present a picture of the first white child born in Randall county, that of Miss Mamie Conner. The boy whose picture appears herewith was the first boy born in Canyon City and is Lee Conner Haley, named in honor of the founder of the town, L. G. Conner of this city. Mr. Conner gave the boy a lot in this city which lot he still owns. It is near the square and ere the young lad reaches his majority it will be very valuable. The young man is bright and studious and bids fair to do much honor to his natal city.

No home should be without a loaf of "Mother's Bread." Try it once and be convinced.



A Cozy Corner in the Yard of John Hutson, Canyon City, Tex.

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"The Falls" in winter, near Canyon City, Tex. The accompanying picture is that of the "Dreamland Falls" so named because it stands at the beginning of the deep part of the main canyon. The canyon is so stupendous in its beauty and the scenes so varied in their splendor that one, in 1901, must think that he is in "dreamland."

The Palo Duro Canyon as a National Park.

While the broad, sunlit plains of the Panhandle have unending charms in the grandeur of their sweep, their glorious mirage and radiant sunsets, still there is an ever recurring longing for the stream with its babbling currents, the precipice and cliff, the woodland and the mellow, shadowy scenes of the landscape.

As astounding as it may seem to the uninformed there is in the Panhandle and beginning just a couple of miles from Canyon City, the Palo Duro canyon, ranking in point of sublime proportions and all the elements of both wonder and beauty with the more memorable spots for scenic grandeur and renown of this or any of the continents of the earth.

Imagine yourself journeying over the level plains with your vision confronted only by the distant horizon and the shifting mirage, to suddenly halt upon the very verge of a precipice or wall of hundreds of feet, and as you stand appalled with the first distended vision you cover from one to three miles to a similar precipice or wall on the opposite side. These precipices give off every known shade and coloring and in their fantastic creation nature and geology combined their greatest forces in building an adamant picture, awesome, wierd and the acme of sublimity. The two or three miles intervening, the two stupendous canyon walls have perennial springs and rivulets and a tree and plant growth of semi-tropical luxuriance. There are over 100 distinct tree species, from the evergreen cedar, defying time and storm from the towering craig, to the delicate fern that enchants you from the margin of the stream.

The main portion of this great

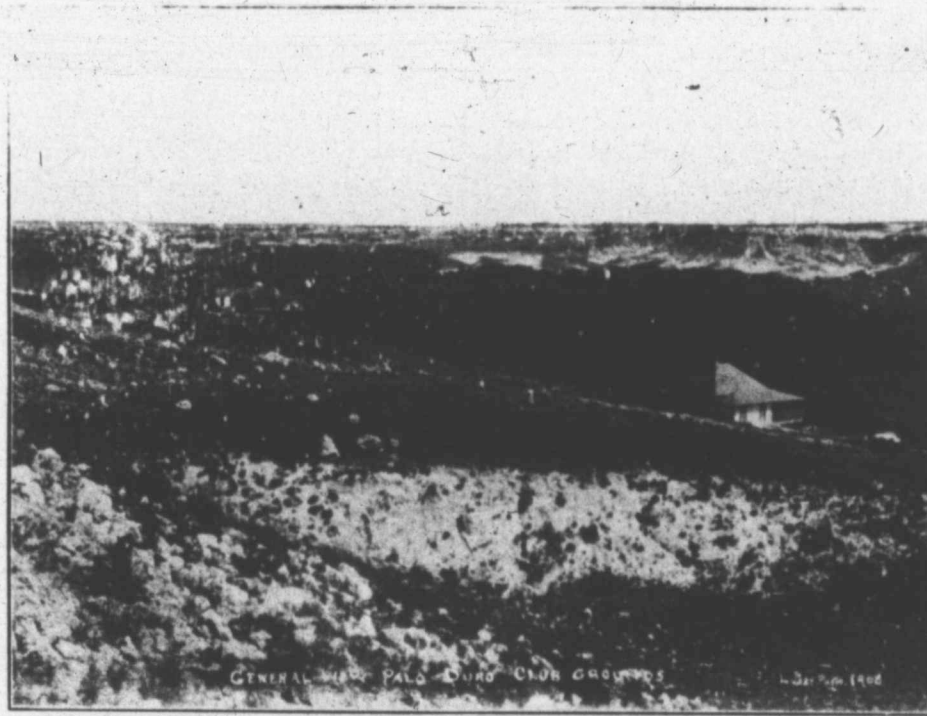
canyon is about 80 miles in length, and, think of this, it is in the very heart of the altitudinous plains with the atmosphere of the canyon always cool, pure and exhilarating and with every part and depth of the canyon free from flies, mosquitoes, insects and reptiles, and you can but conclude that it is a matchless bit of the handiwork of God, was created for a specific purpose and that it would seem almost a sacrilege if there should be any dereliction or tardiness in creating municipal, state and federal park out of this, one of the grandest and choicest gifts nature has been able to bestow.

Some time since the writer made a trip through this geological wonder of the world and every step taken by way of exploration was attended by a revelation of pleasing enchantment or thrilling grandeur. The water course is hedged on each side by amphitheatric walls from whose towering and precipitous heights you descend by alternating craigs and dizzy slopes to the bower and vine-embosomed valley below. As a fitting crown to such a bewilderingly beautiful panorama rest the graceful and sentimental-like cedars. Lower down and hugging the canyon walls, you see the honey locust, luxuriant in their feathery foliage, and still lower a raptuous intermingling of elm, hackberry, ash, walnut, Spanish oak, and innumerable other timber or tree species, and lastly the stately cottonwood, sycamore and the button and drooping willow. Just here your attention is arrested by a subdued murmur and rippling melody and a step further, beneath arboreal shade, there is the racing, laughing, crystalline rivulet, as if hur-



Members of the Palo Duro club often spend weeks at their club houses on the club grounds. The house here shown is that of John Hutson, Heberd Smith and Clark Smith, which will give an idea of the cottages which the members build there for their own use. Large general cottages are maintained for the members who do not have the private buildings. The deep declivities, the cool, inviting nooks and shady places, the splendid fishing facilities and the elegant cottages and club houses make the club grounds a well chosen place of recreation and rest for members.

rying to hid itself in a mingling of rainbow, spray and foam of the cataract. Passing the rapids you enter upon a level stretch with edying waters, athwart whose broadening surface is cast the shadow of reposeful sycamores and willows, water out of whose crystal depths pond lillies peep and from whose moss-veiled banks nodding ferns salute; and right here is a rapturous sylvan scene that would rekindle the smouldering emotions of every-



THE PALO DURO CLUB.

One of the most ideal club grounds to be found in the state of Texas is that of the Palo Duro Club, situated just below the juncture of the Palo Duro and Tierra Blanca creeks and nearly at the head of the main Palo Duro canyon. They have an exceedingly large club ground with approximately three miles of creek, along which will be found numerous dams thereby giving ample water at all times for fishing purposes. The reader will note how abruptly the level prairie breaks down into this freak of nature, the canyon.

one, however phlegmatic, old or young, and, following in quick succession, these scenes can never be overcrowded by seekers of soul's affinities—the extent of area is too great.

The Palo Duro canyon defies the work of pen or painter's brush. It presents an awe-inspiring, kaleidoscopic picture fashioned by Nature and Nature's God which no man can faithfully portray. It is Edenic and thrilling in its charm. Here the lover of natural history, fossil and geology can explore to his heart's content.

Such an extended and elaborate narration of the places and scenery was attempted by the writer solely to enlighten the uninformed and to make clear to the outside world that there are means at hand for outdoor life and pleasing, soulful and healthful play and recreation fully equal to the more famous spots of the world. When they are known they will be appreciated.

The good roads and excellent climate make Randall County an ideal place for the use of automobiles, both for business and pleasure. There are about twenty-five cars owned in Canyon. They can be used the year round, and this winter there has not been a time with the exception of a few stormy days, that it was not a pleasure to take a spin through the country.

Passing of the Cow Boy.

Under the caption "Photographing the Cowboy as He Disappears," the "World's Works for January" publishes a story by Harry Peyton Steger concerning a wonderful line of photographs made by Edwin E. Smith, a Bonham, Texas, young man who has worked many years as a cowboy and is now an art student in the Boston Museum of photographs, representing eight years of work and patience, numbers more than 2,000. It seems that Mr. Smith appreciated the fact that the ranches and the cowboys were rapidly passing away, and if the art was to be accurately in art, it was time some one should go to work at it. Therefore he began making photographs of the subject.

"I knew that the life would not wait," he is quoted as saying, "and the technique would, so I put off Boston as long as I could."

He didn't go to the ranches to take pictures. He was already at work upon them, experienced in the duties of a cowboy before he conceived the idea of using a camera.

Mr. Steger, in emphasizing the importance of Mr. Smith's work says: "Ten years from today there will not be in the United



This jumble of rock will give the reader some idea of the immensity of Nature's creations and the variance which may be found in the Palo Duro. Broad level places, filled with large trees of almost every known kind, are to be found surrounded by the roughs of time's erosions. Then far below may be seen the waters flowing rapidly onward. Truly the Palo Duro offers great scenic value to even the most casual sightseer.

and with the improvements of grades in the animals themselves, two acres of farm can be made to do the work of ten or fifteen acres of range. Today there are in Texas only six or seven ranches of one million acres or more. Ten years ago there were at least thirty."

The above article in portraying the passing of the cowboy, pictures the heretofore great "cattle states" as thickly populated farming states with only a few cattle ranches here and there where the land is too broken for farming purposes, a few years hence.

The passing of the big ranches has been slow, considering the ever increasing demand for level farming lands on the Plains, but now there are only a few dotted all over with waving fields of golden grain.

The farmer is relentless in his search for level land that produces most with the least expenditure of time and effort and can find land of such character only where the cattle business was once the only industry known on the Plains of Texas.

Texas is noted for its low tax rate, it being lower than in any other state in the Union. When Texas was admitted into the Union all public lands were retained by the state, all of which have been sold and the money, mostly, been turned into the public school funds and for other state purposes. This fund now nearly takes care of the schools.

Texas is especially fortunate in flowers, both wild and cultivated. The State flower is the bluebonnet. Almost any flower grown in the United States can be grown in Texas. Chrysanthemums are grown extensively.

FIGHTING A HARD FIGHT.

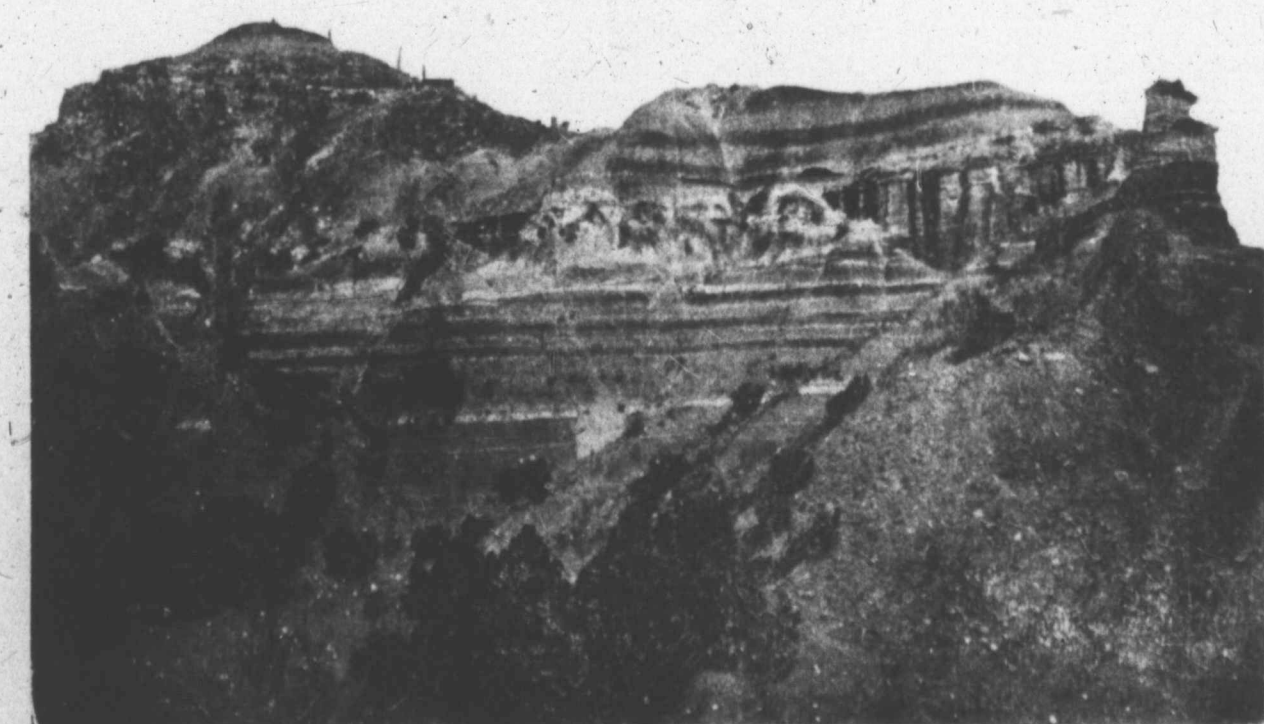
Iowa People are Beginning to Awaken to the Number Moving to the Panhandle.

Randall County News: Texas has a right to laugh and laugh loudly at the antics of some of the Northern states just at this time. We have been having such unprecedented success in the development of our country that these Northern states have been frightened at their condition and are beginning to prepare to do battle to combat the great tide of immigration which is coming this way.

In a recent edition of one of the Des Moines, Iowa, papers the following article appeared under big head letters:

"That the Dollar Club, organized at Des Moines last week to conduct a campaign preventing young men from investing in Texas Panhandle lands, will become a state organization, was decided at a meeting held at the Wellington Hotel yesterday. The name of the club will be changed to the Greater Iowa Club and the movement will be spread to other cities. Articles of incorporation for \$10,000 are being drawn. Forty directors will have charge of the work of this parent body and as rapidly as possible the membership will be extended throughout the State. The club wishes to educate young men that just as good investments are offered in Iowa as in any part of the United States and that dealing in Texas lands is a shaky proposition."

Of course, such a procedure could have but one effect and that is to increase the interests of their very own "young men" in the Panhandle, and they will therefore investigate more fully than ever in the past the resources of this great section. That is all we want. If they will investigate this country and its products there will be many more of them coming here to live.



"Capitol Dome" stands out in the Palo Duro canyon almost as a sentinel. Its true beauty is far beyond words to describe. The face of this monster, as shown in the center is nearly three hundred feet high and is perpendicular. The inclines to each end are very steep, in fact they are so abrupt that a pike pole is necessary in climbing up its precipitous face. The coloring of the rocks and the various strata of dirt excel the handiwork of any painter's brush. Deep red, snow white, royal purple, golden yellow, intermingle to make beautifully attractive this great mountain that is worth going many miles to see.



Keiser Brothers & Phillips.

Land is the basis of all wealth. Here in this portion of the great State of Texas with its fertile soil, genial climate and industrial people we find elegant, peaceful and happy homes and choice farms that are destined to become the most valuable in the world as the country grows older and becomes better known abroad.

No class of men is doing more to accomplish this end than the active and reliable real estate men who are responsible and truthful in their statements and dealings.

As representatives of this class we refer our readers to the above named firm of Keiser Bros. and Phillips.

They have acquired a knowledge of values and conditions that enables them to render their best possible service to those wishing



to buy or sell farms and ranches.

They have made thorough investigation of the resources of the different parts of the state and spent many months looking into the question, considering high priced land of lower value, and found that no place could better inducements be found than in Randall County, the land of now.

This firm has purchased tracts near Canyon City and nowhere can more beautiful land be seen. Here for miles the rolling prairie of rich chocolate loam, covered with green grass, fine wheat, oats, milo maize, Kaffir corn, alfalfa fields, the farmer's paradise. The rainfall, coming as it does in the long growing season, enables these crops to grow in abundance and produce the same value raised on \$100 land.

This company does not sell land on commission but owns every foot of land they have on the market and they ask only actual value or current prices for what they have to offer you. Their wonderful success has been in buying the right kind of land at the right time. They know the quality of the land and are not afraid to invest their money in it.

The constant rise in value is assured whether they own it or it has passed into the hands of one of their many purchasers. In some instances they have repurchased land for double what they sold it for, making the purchaser a handsome profit, and it was worth the price.

Their Plan.

Offices: Keeta, Iowa.
Red Key, Indiana.
Canyon City, Texas.

The firm consists of W. S. Keiser, C. O. Keiser and George Phillips, the latter having charge of their office at Red Key, Indiana.

The firm originally had a fourth member who died at Canyon City May 10, 1907.

Their plan is to operate a sleeping car from eastern points to Canyon City every two weeks for the comfort of those wishing to see the country, to which home-seekers may travel at excursion rates, with comfort and cheapness. Often more than one car is required by this firm to carry people looking for bargains in lands and they sometimes take care of 150 people and furnish rigs to show the country. Excursions usually arrive on Thursdays.

Their system of conducting business is so well arranged that all may see the country, make their selections and depart for home on Saturday evening if they so desire.

Three hotels and three restaurants take care of the people while here.

It is but natural that here in the great West with the greatest body of choice, smooth land in the world yet to be settled, that one should find the wide awake and rustling real estate men who advertise it to the world and furnish quick and cheap plans for the average man to buy and locate. Old neighbors buy together, move together and their children attend the same school.

A notable instance of this arrangement occurred this winter whereby a complete train of twenty-one cars of household goods

were shipped from Wisner, Nebr., to Canyon City. Twenty-four families were represented and they all located within nine miles of this city and all built or are building houses and barns, as they moved onto undeveloped farm lands sold them by Keiser Bros. and Phillips.

The people of Canyon gave the newcomers a reception upon their arrival which they will long remember for years.

Similar incidents of this kind have occurred from Iowa and other states.

The firm of Keiser Bros. and Phillips, individually and collectively, are among the experienced and conservative business men of Texas, Iowa and Indiana.

They are in the front in the advancement of every local interest. They enjoy the confidence and respect of this entire community, and their responsibility and integrity have never been questioned.

Every piece of land sold by this firm will be found exactly as represented and parties at a distance may depend upon getting reliable information on any property in the country. It is both pleasant and profitable to do business with such a firm.

Keiser Brothers operate farms and stock ranches in Randall County. They grow everything that they formerly raised in Iowa and Indiana. They are especially successful in raising fine horses and have demonstrated that this is the ideal horse growing country. The physical qualities of speed and endurance are found to be supreme in this climate, and are acquired with less attention than anywhere else.

It is equally good for cattle raised on the rich native grasses, alfalfa and Kaffir corn. Hogs breed and grow the year round and hog disease is unknown here.

In 1905 Texas stood seventh in corn producing states. In the northern central portion of the state the corn averaged 45 bushels to the acre. Kaffir corn is becoming popular, being used chiefly as fodder for stock.

Cherries are raised with excellent results in the Panhandle country, where the winters are just cool enough to give the trees the necessary vitality. Home market consumes the crop.

Canyon City

"Flowers bloom best 'midst environments of sunshine, intelligence and cultivation, while cities live longest and happiest where conditions conduce to the loftiest development of moral, financial and physical culture."

This was written by a common sense philosopher long before Canyon had its beginning, but it is so pertinent to the subject in hand that it requires no stretch of distinguishing ability to cite.

Canyon is an exemplification of the quotation.

To those who have an intimate acquaintance with Canyon, the story of its general status will furnish pleasure as well as interest; while to the thousands who may get their first impression of our advantages through this publication, brief details may prove a valuable index to possibilities which may result in the future of both town and reader. From its first inception the history of this community has been one of continuous and unflinching development, until today she has a commercial, social and artistic standing excelled by none of her neighbors and equaled by but few of them. The important factors in this development are its pure water, good health and the productiveness of the adjacent farm lands. These advantages coupled with enterprise and perseverance on the part of the public spirited citizens, have



This is a picture of the new home now being erected for "The Leader," one of our prominent dry goods firms. Since the original design from which this cut was made, were adopted, the owners, George L. Abbott and J. H. Hall have decided to make the building two stories high and according to that plan the building is now nearly ready for occupancy.

Canyon offers an opportunity to better his condition.

The churches of Canyon are in charge of ministers whose outward life is above reproach. Their demeanor is an incentive to better living. Their influence reaches out and encircles the weaker souls of mankind and draws the sinner from the paths of wickedness to a higher life. These churches are all well attended and have a large membership, and a good moral influence generally prevails. There are no gambling resorts, no saloons, no gilded dens of vice to lead the sons and brothers to ruin.

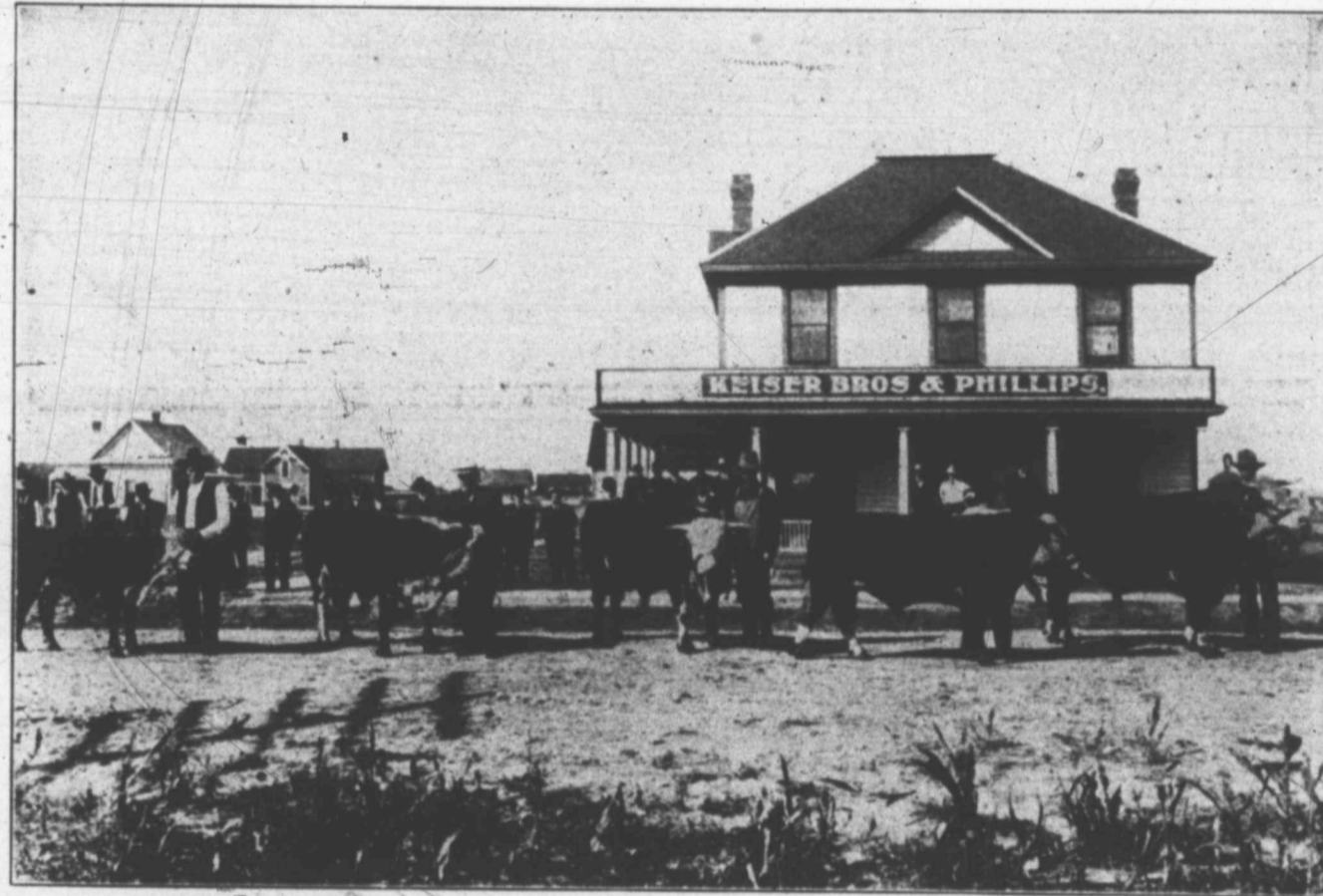
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population of the county.

A rural free delivery route was established May 1, running west from Canyon City, the route covering a distance of 29 miles and serving about 75 families. It might be well to mention that it was the first rural route to be established on the Plains. The greater portion of the work in getting this route was done by a very few people with Mr. Hunt as the chief mover.

Mr. Hunt owns a considerable amount of property in Randall county and has lived here for some time. He is well satisfied.

Peaches are raised generally over the state and do well in the extreme western part. Among the varieties grown are the Elberta, Solway, Alexander and Mamie Ross.



THE CANYON CITY OFFICE OF KEISER BROTHERS & PHILLIPS.

Canyon Post Office.

For nearly two years Oscar Hunt has presided over the management of the local postoffice. His careful business and accommodating ways are heartily appreciated by the people of this city. He is assisted by Charles Hunt as chief deputy and Miss Ditto as assistant at the general delivery window. During Mr. Hunt's administration the business of the office has very materially increased. In a statement recently issued the increase was 44.5 per cent over that of the corresponding period last year. Not an inconsiderable item of the business transacted is that of the mailing of the Randall County News, the postage account being over six times as great as it was one year ago. This shows a rapid increase in this department of the business as well as showing the increased

The principal forest trees grown here are the black locust, the catalpa, the cottonwood, the maple, the hackberry, and the willow. There is hardly a semi-tropical fruit or berry but that finds its native soil and climate here. In a few years every farm will have a large forest grove and a good orchard bearing all kinds of fruit.

Holidays observed in Texas, but not observed in other states, are March 2, Texas Independence Day, April 21, the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, when the final blow for Texas independence was struck.

The fruit industry in the Panhandle is yet in its infancy. Among the fruits that have been successfully grown are apples, peaches, plums, pears, cherries, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries and dewberries.

Millet has produced 18 to 30 bushels of seed to the acre and two tons of hay per acre.

produced proud results in town building, and no one who sees us today will question our modesty in a citation of our many admirable and commendable features.

Canyon is in the heart of the Panhandle. It is the county seat of Randall county and has a population of about 2,000. It is on the main line of the Santa Fe railroad to California, and at the intersection of a southern branch that will soon be made an outlet to the Gulf.

The city is noted for its handsome residences, beautiful lawns, concrete sidewalks, and the thrift and enterprise of its citizens. No city of double its size in the West can boast of finer public buildings, and business blocks of wood and brick. All the modern conveniences which a progressive age demands are to be found here. A splendid system of telephones, local and long distance, electric lights, opera house, schools, churches of almost every denomination, fraternal societies, women's clubs and in fact everything that appeals to the sturdy home building, home loving American citizens.

Canyon is distinctively a city of homes. There are very few, no matter whether merchant, professional man or laborer, but who takes pride in beautifying his home with trees, flowers and well kept lawns. There is no place today that presents a more inviting field for capital than Canyon and there are many lines of industry that might be established and prove paying investments. To the man ready to do and dare,

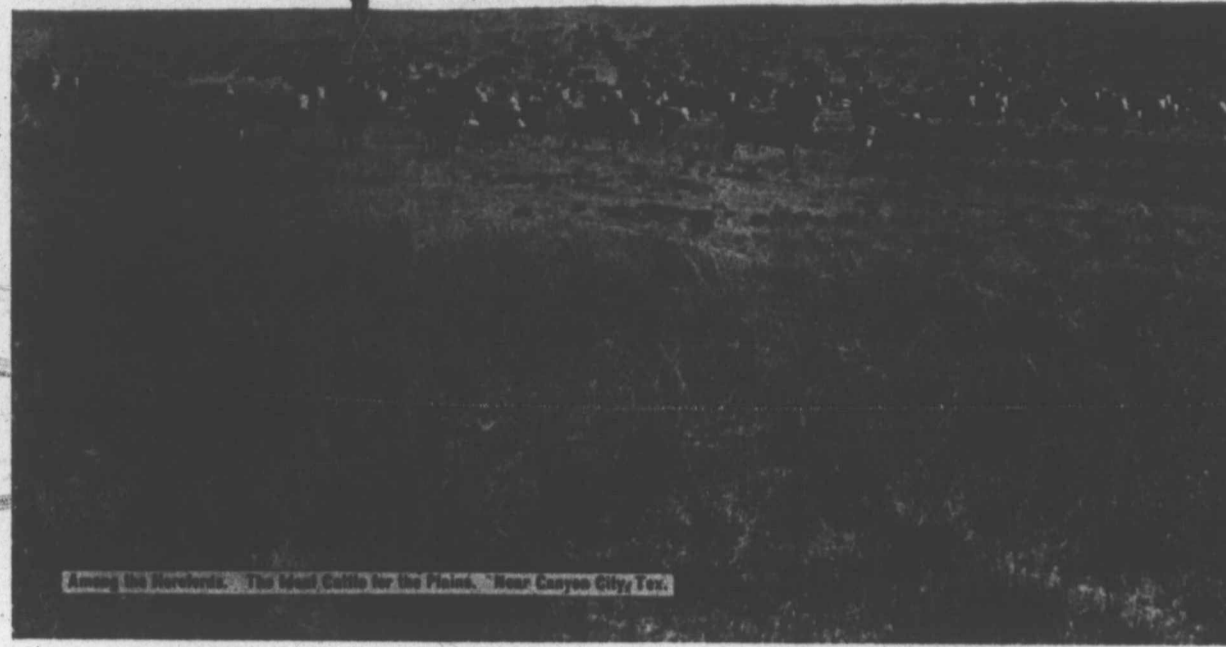


LOBBY OF POST OFFICE AT CANYON CITY.



Hog Raising Profitable.

Ever since an attempt has been made to raise hogs in this Panhandle country it has been an acknowledged fact that it presented the greatest profit that has ever been shown in any country. Not only are the feeds raised here of the best feeding value but the hogs are absolutely free from any kind of disease, an item which will be readily appreciated by any hog raiser. The writer has made an extensive investigation and it is a fact that there is not on record a single hog's death which is recorded to disease of any kind. The meat, too, is of such fine quality and the animals fed upon milo maize and Kaffir corn are of such uniform weight and size that they always bring the top prices when sold on the market. Last week a car of hogs raised on the Plains were marketed at Fort Worth and brought \$7.75 per hundred, the highest price ever paid in the state for a car of hogs on the general market. Randall county has many hog feeders who are making money very rapidly. They have always continued in the business after starting.



Kaffir Fed Steers Are High.

Randall county fed steers are always in demand. Whenever there is shipped to either the Fort Worth or Kansas City markets cattle which have been fed upon milo maize, Kaffir corn and alfalfa the people here know that the good high price of the day will be reported. Many people who are feeding such feed declare that it is much better than Indian corn, claiming that more of the feed is digested thereby using less weight in feed and further claiming that the fat and meat produced is just as solid as Indian corn fed cattle and in addition the Randall county fed steers produce meat which is much sweeter and more palatable. People off of the Plains are buying this feed extensively for feeding purposes. R. E. Gatewood, one of the biggest feeders in the state, buys the alfalfa, Kaffir corn and maize here and ships it to his feeding pens at Cleburne. He recently sold on the Fort Worth market a car of steers fed upon this feed which brought the highest price ever paid there for fed stuff—and they have good, stiff competition among buyers on that market too. He says he will continue to feed Randall county feed.

John Hutson. When the Cedar Valley Land and Cattle Company owned practically half the land in Randall county, that company sent to this county as its local manager John Hutson, a man who has made the grade of cattle in the Panhandle grow better than any other man in the entire state or southwest. He foresaw the increase in values and therefore invested every dollar that he could rake or scrape into land.

The remaining three quarters are said to be just as good land as that sold. Mr. Hutson has two main ranches, one on the Palo Duro northwest of this place and the other on the Tierra Blanca just south of Embarger. These ranches are where he raises his good stock, and they each contain a very large acreage. Mr. Hutson is also a large owner of property in this city and does not hesitate to do that which

Come, Let Us Reason Together:

The writer has observed matters carefully for many years and submits the following facts for your consideration, because they are facts and will adapt themselves to every thinking mind. The desire of most men is to better their condition financially and to build for themselves a home where they can spend their declining days in comfort. With this comes a desire to help, in a measure, those who are a part of the household, and to be able to see them start on life's journey in a way that comfort and success will follow.

Now the question comes, "How can I accomplish this?" By what occupation or plan can I get the most pleasure in life, and at the same time accumulate property, have plenty for advanced years and provide for my family? If you will carefully look into the occupation of men, study the surroundings of each, you will at once conclude, and wisely, too, that the landowner, the farmer, is the most independent, and according to statistics, shows the least percentage of failures. Glance over the rank and file of the solid financial men of the Southwest. From what source

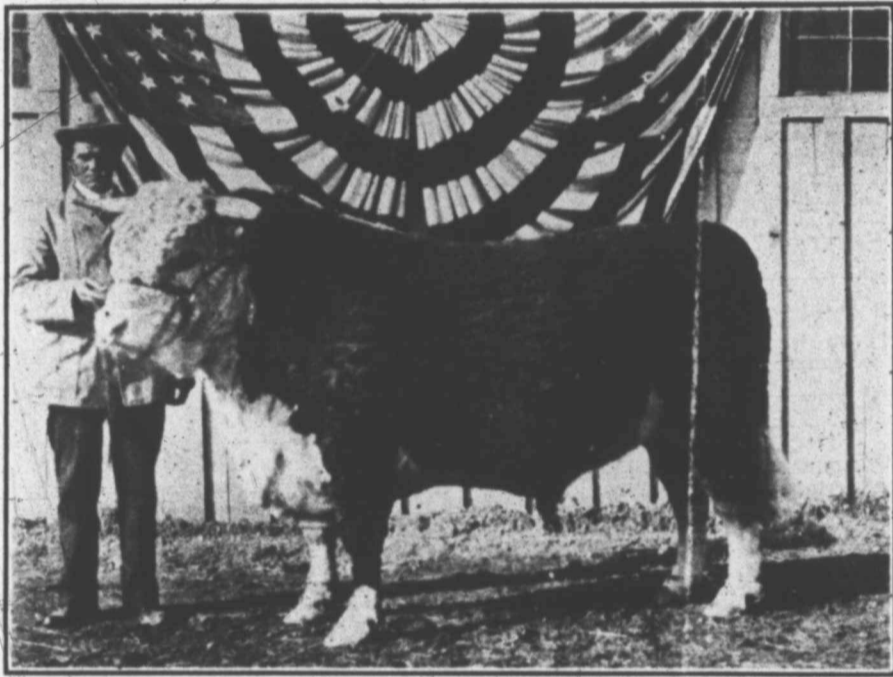
terrible winds, prairie blizzards, etc. But the enterprising class kept right along buying, improving and investing, and just let the chicken-hearted kicker kick. We need not ask you to point them out or to make any comparison. They show for themselves. Now the tide of immigration has gone beyond those estates. Land is too high here for large profits, and men with moderate means cannot buy at all. They have pushed across the line and found the same soil, climate and everything equal to the states passed through. Yet occasionally you hear the same old story that was kept up all through the settlement of the West.

But say, let me tell you that there are fewer such croakers than there used to be. People have learned lessons. In spite of all the talk and damaging things said about the former states, they have come forth blossoming as the rose. The wide awake investor became rich, but the skeptics, where are they? Many of them are now renters paying \$4 to \$5 per acre rent on the same land they declared they would not have as a gift. That land is now worth \$50 to

compelled to haul their freight 60 to 100 miles. We have every advantage here that exists where you live. No hardships as in years past on the frontier.

The Panhandle lands, until recently, have been neglected by farmers and investors for the reason that this has been the great cattle range country. The cattle kings said that it would always be that and nothing more. They held boundless tracts of grazing lands, obtained at a very

when the town was a baby in point of age and he therefore knows conditions almost as well as any man in the county. He is a believer in the lands as a farming proposition and therefore has acquired a landed interest that many would like to own. He is not selling the land he buys. He is a holder. Joe Service is one of the city aldermen and in that capacity has been enabled to do a great deal for the present and future



"Sally's Dale," winner of First Prize at the Denver (Colorado) Livestock Show in 1908, bred and owned by John Hutson, Canyon City, Texas.

and he still retains many sections of land upon which he does diversified farming and stock raising.

As will be noted from the pictures of some of his Hereford bulls shown on this page, he raises the best strain of Herefords and his ranches are well stocked with the highest grade of this stock. He recently sold about sixteen head of the young bulls for which it is said the average price per head was \$600.

His bulls and cows, when shown at the various live stock shows never fail to get the ribbon. Last year at the Denver show his bull "Sally's Dale" took first prize, while "Strike Eight" was second in his class and for yearlings his "Level's Prince" was the leader in that class. He also won several other premiums and ribbons on the stock which he exhibited there.

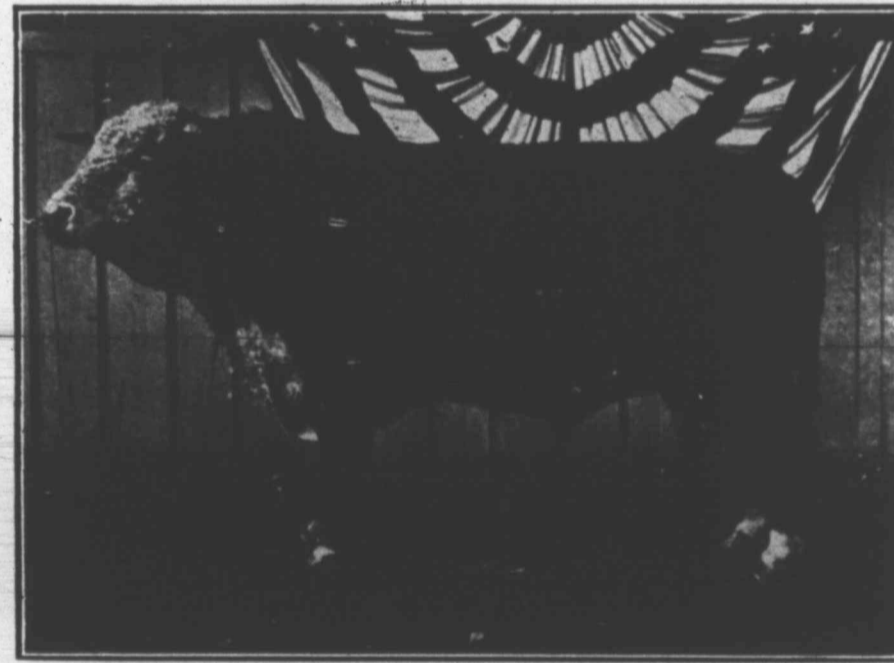
Until right recently Mr. Hutson owned a section of land adjoining town on the south a large portion of which was growing alfalfa. A quarter of this section of land was sold at \$100 per acre which shows the acute judgment which Mr. Hutson has exercised in his dealings in real estate.

will advance the interests of the town and county when opportunity presents.

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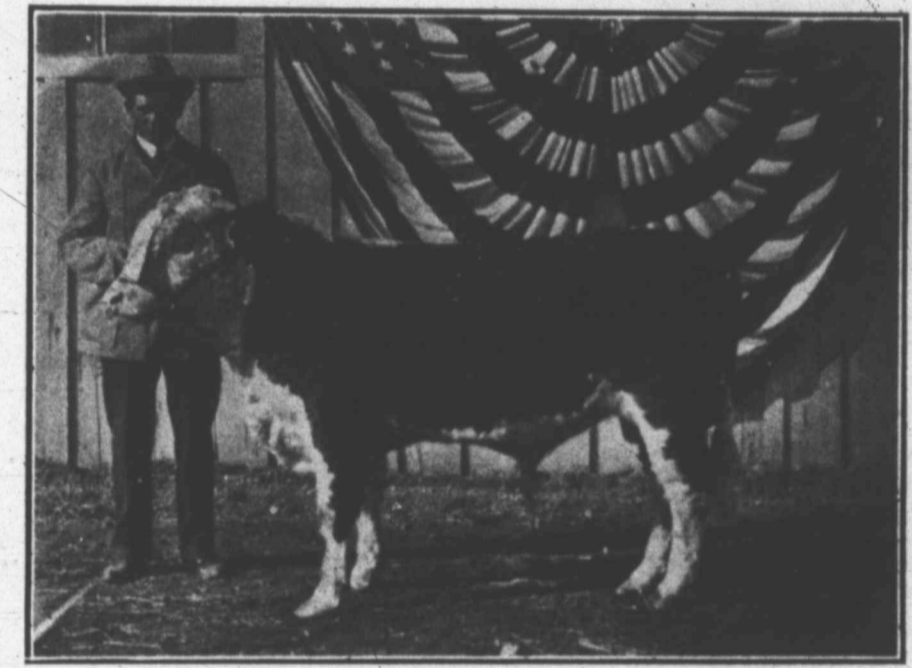
"Joe" Garrison, as he is familiarly called, and Oscar Davis are the managing men of the firm of Garrison, Davis & Co., and they are both well known here, having been identified with the development of Randall county and they are hard workers for the interests of Randall county. They have a suite of offices in the Smith building which are large, commodious and well appointed. These gentlemen are careful business men and those with whom they have dealings are always pleased with the results. They handle farm lands in large or small tracts to suit purchasers. They also look after rents, taxes, insurance for non-residents. This firm are always pleased to give such information about Randall county and the Plains as may be desired and they invite correspondence.

Better take a good look at Randall county anyhow. We are all civilized and will not hurt you. Be a News subscriber.



"Strike Eight," one of the winners at the Denver (Colorado) Livestock Show in 1908, owned and bred by John Hutson, Canyon City, Texas.

did they accumulate their wealth? \$150 per acre. From land owning and the proceeds thereof. The men of the states farther east who won success are the ones who pushed out from other places and got 'snaps' while the 'stay-at-homes' said that the West was too far out for crops, would never raise fruit,



"Level's Prince," winner of first prize at the Denver, Colorado Livestock Show in 1908, bred and owned by John Hutson, Canyon City, Texas.

low price. They wanted no farming, no fences. They controlled affairs in this vast region, and were growing rich here in this mild and favorable climate with the natural food for their large herds, plenty of water and no necessity for shelter. But the time has come when it is found that these lands are most valuable for farming, for fruit growing and for the highest development of stock raising and feeding.

Joe Service, Contractor.

You often hear of "town-builders." Joe Service, the subject of this article, is really a real, live townbuilder. He is a contractor and there has possibly never been a contractor in the city who has constructed so many of the good substantial cottages and residences here as he. In addition to that he is a town-builder in the sense that he wants Canyon City to be the leading city of the northwestern portion of the state and to that end he is always ready and willing to do more than his part for the advancement of the interests of the town.

Mr. Service came to Randall county when it was supposed to be wild and woolly. He was here

of the town. He and his wife live on east Houston street and he is preparing to erect at once a large and modern home. In fact he would have done so several



JOE SERVICE.

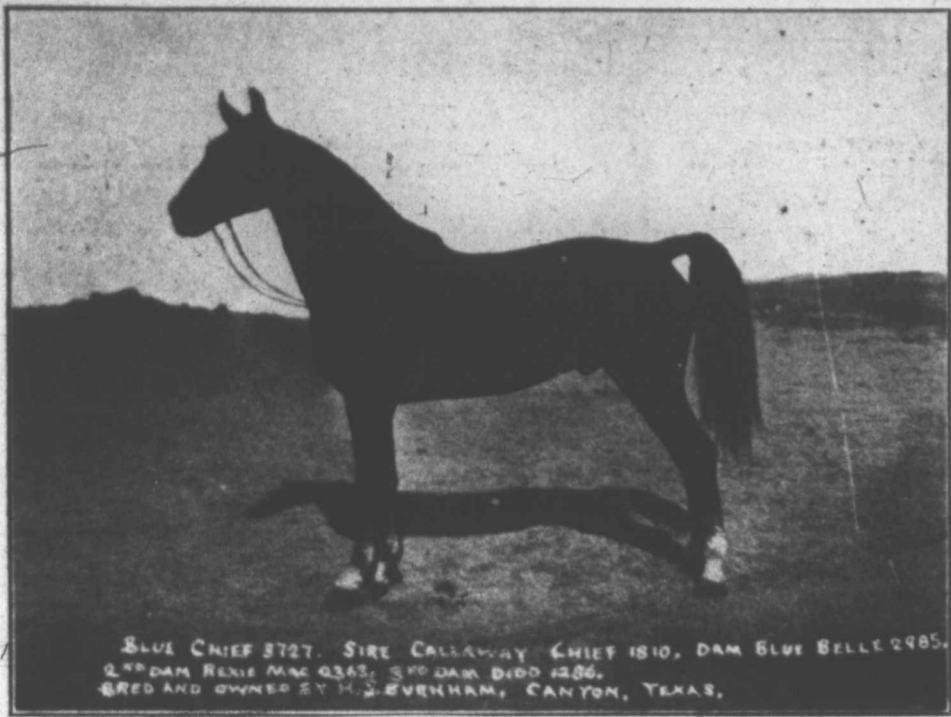
months ago had he not been so busy looking after the many contracts which he had on hand.

The man who form his opinion of this country, before he sees it is not the man wanted here. The man open to conviction is the one who sees the opportunity and grasps it.

Randall County Fishing.

The two running streams in Randall county offer fine sport in fishing. All along both of these streams there are deep holes of water in which there abound large numbers of bass, trout, perch and catfish. The picture shown herewith shows four large fish as a result of one afternoon's fishing. U. S. Gober of this city being the fisherman. Recently the largest bass, about which we know, was caught in the Tierra Blanca, the fish weighing nine pounds and nine ounces. A number have already been caught this year weighing from four to six pounds while two pound bass are too numerous to keep up with. In the fall and winter large numbers of duck and wild geese are to be found upon the lakes and streams making that class of hunting very fine sport. Other game is to be found in their respective seasons, but in the season thousands upon thousands of ducks and geese are to be found upon any of the lakes and streams. Many of the people who live near them have so many to eat during the season that they become tired of them.





Blue Chief 3727, Sire Callaway Chief 1810, Dam Blue Belle 2405.
 2nd Dam Rosa Lee 2984, 3rd Dam Daphne D. 2986.
 Sires and Dams by H. S. Burnham, Canyon, Texas.

"Blue Chief" bids fair, according to the opinion of the most experienced horsemen, to be the superior of his stable mate, Royal Dexter. Not only is he a beauty in color and style but he is a full brother of "Calloway Belle," the mare which brought the highest price ever brought by a mare at public auction in the state of Missouri. This good stallion is owned and was bred by H. S. Burnham of this city. He was three years old at the time the picture was taken. His first three dams were famous show mares and every sire in his pedigree was a winner in his day.

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"Daphne D," the mare in the foreground, sire Calloway Chief, 1810, dam Rosa Lee 2984; the superior mare, "Phame," is a full sister to Daphne D. and these two mares have won for themselves the distinction of being the champion mares of the Plains. They were bred and are owned and exhibited by H. S. Burnham of this city.

H. S. Burnham, Stockman.

H. S. Burnham is one of the best known stockmen of the country, being the recognized leader in the raising of good registered saddle and driving horses and shorthorn cattle. His main ranch consists of about 2,000 acres fifteen miles northwest from Canyon City on the Palo Duro. It is all fenced and crossfenced with about 200 acres in cultivation being farmed in grain, forage crops and alfalfa. In addition he owns 100 acres of land in the Palo Duro valley adjoining town where he has a large alfalfa field and where he runs a dairy for the purpose of supplying the needs of this city. He recently brought to this office a bundle of alfalfa which measured forty inches in height showing how luxuriantly alfalfa grows without irrigation here.

Mr. Burnham's aim is to produce ideal saddle and driving horses. On this page we show several pictures of some of his horses and mares. He has won more premiums and handled more winners than any other man on the entire Plains. His premium stallion, Royal Dexter, has been exhibited in several states for three years and was never defeated under saddle or harness. He is a winner and a descendent of winners. His youngsters are all of fine color and well gaited.

A number of Shetland ponies are kept for breeding purposes and the little fellows are fine disposition and make good pets for children as well as being useful.

Mr. Burnham has a national reputation for breeding good horses and is vice president of the National Saddle Horse Breeders Association and represents it from the State of Texas.

The News man was driven by Mr. Burnham behind a fine pair of bays and during the drive he was shown a few of Mr. Burnham's shorthorn cattle. He has about 60 head here and on the

ranch and those we saw were of the finest Scotch and Scotch topped red and roan registered strains. "Scotland's Crown, Second," 245025, from a Chief Violet Fourth cow is at the head of the herd. They are ideal winners. They won all first and second premiums at the stock show at Amarillo last year.

As an evidence of what he is able to do with milkers, one cow which he kept in town here produced 600 gallons of milk in five months which was sold at 30 cents per gallon or a total of \$180. The feed was carefully weighed and cost, during the time, at the regular market price, \$40, which shows something of a profit.

Mr. Burnham finds the best best ration for dairy cows to be alfalfa and ground kafir corn.

Mr. Burnham raises many bulls which he offers for sale at the proper time but at the present he has only a few on hand.

A visit to the ranch or to the home place is worth while by any lover of fine cattle or horses and Mr. Burnham will entertain you with the best in the land. It is a pleasure to him to show his stock for they are all worth showing.

M. S. Lusby, Photographer.

We should like to say a whole lot about our bachelor friend, M. S. Lusby, who runs a photographic studio in this city. Most the views shown in this paper of were taken by Mr. Lusby and we have relied a great deal on his judgment in preparing the general scenes which are shown in this paper. Mr. Lusby is a bachelor and isn't ashamed of it. He is of a jovial disposition which is something not held by every bachelor whom you meet, and in addition to that he is a good photographer and is busy all the time.

French dry cleaning at the Canyon Cleaning and Pressing shop. Phone 216.



"Royal Dexter," 2000, Sire Royal Cross 1548, Grand Sire Forest King 1402, by Squirrel King, 973; dam Grace Dexter 2451, by Sunset 292, second dam Emma Artist 2927, by Artist 75, is a bay stallion foaled in 1902 and is a saddle and harness horse. Bred by J. N. Astbury at Hallsville, Mo., and is now the property of H. S. Burnham of this city. This horse has proven himself to be the champion combined saddle and harness stallion on the Plains. In addition to winning every premium here he has won many good premiums in fairs in Missouri and Illinois, never having been defeated when entered. He is descended from an unbroken line of winners.

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"A Pair of the Plainsraised Six Year Olds" the little girl being Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burnham of this city and she is mounted on her shetland pony.

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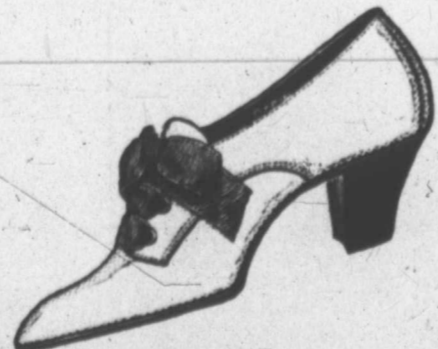
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Notwithstanding the shortage in crops this year as compared with last our past six months' business has been the largest in the history of the Company. For this we want to thank the people of the town and the county, and show our appreciation by giving you better values for your money in the future than any one else.

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In fact we are not short on an article carried in a No. 1 grocery store. Our prices are always right and all we want is an opportunity to tell you about it.

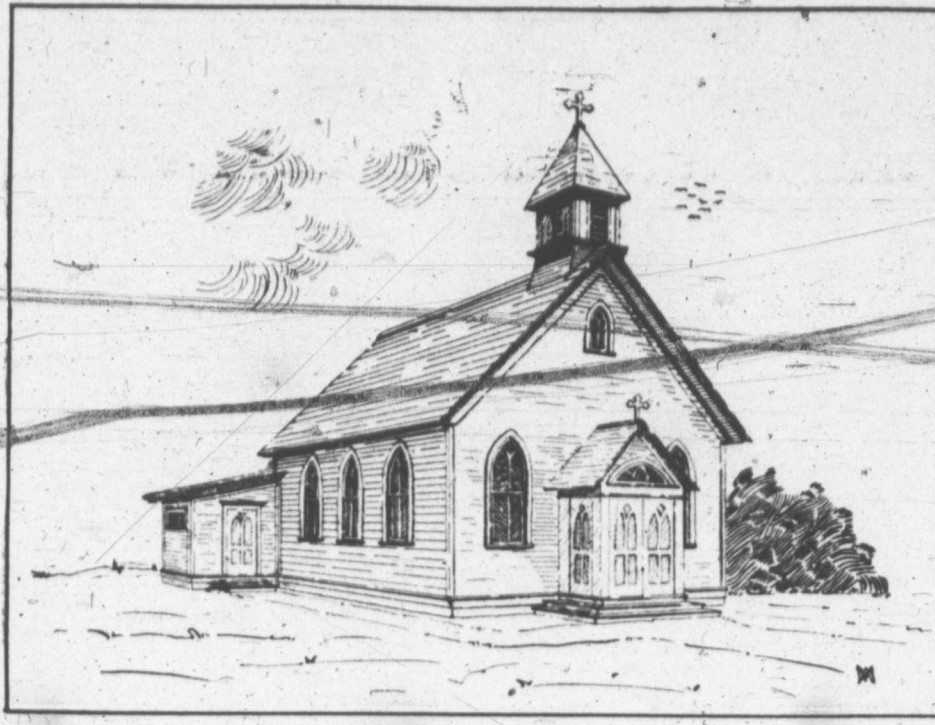
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This picture does not in the least adequately show the handsome church building which has been erected at Umbarger by the Catholics in that community. The people of that faith who live in that community are substantial citizens and they express their faith by their works, hence the pretty building they have built for worship.

Marvin P. Garner.

Randall county has had some very popular officers and the present county clerk, Marvin P. Garner is about as popular as any of them have ever succeeded in being. He is a young man who has forged to the front rapidly since he attained his majority. He succeeded in securing a fairly good education including a business course after which he engaged in farming in this county.

Mr. Garner last year made the race for county clerk and secured the election being placed in office last November. In his official capacity he has been as



faithful as he was on the farm devoting his entire time and attention to the work to be done which gives him a well systematized office.

The Canyon National Bank.

Upon the solicitation of many well known citizens, and in order to extend the banking facilities to keep pace with the growing demands of the town and country, this bank, the Canyon National, was organized November 1, 1905. The following year the present bank building was erected and now valuable alterations and improvements will soon be made to it that their bank may not be behind the rapid improvements being made in this town. It receives substantial support of the entire community and the volume of business done is most gratifying to all directly interested in its progress. Its strong financial standing and growth is well above the average and it

stands among the leading financial concerns of the West.

With ample capital and surplus this bank is in a position to extend to its customers all accommodations consistent with sound banking and the management feels sure that they can serve you acceptably. We venture the assertion that you would find your relations with the Canyon National both pleasant and profitable.

The officers of this bank are as follows: R. W. O'Keefe, president, J. M. Black, vice-president; I. L. Hunt, cashier; R. H. Wright, assistant cashier; and the directors are, R. W. O'Keefe, J. M. Black, W. C. Baird, I. L. Hunt, and R. H. Wright.

They invite you to give them a trial and are confident in the belief that you will continue with them as a well satisfied banking customer.

The Canyon City Supply Company.

The old saying "Let Well Enough Alone," is a bad one. Human nature is so imperfect that nothing can be good enough to be let alone. Those who climb the ladder of success are those who seek opportunities and take advantage of them.

Progress and development are slow with the man who does not take advantage of the forces around him, and who ignores new ideas. If you would be a leader in this great period, you must equip yourself with progressive philosophy, rather than with the rusty and broken armor of decayed systems.

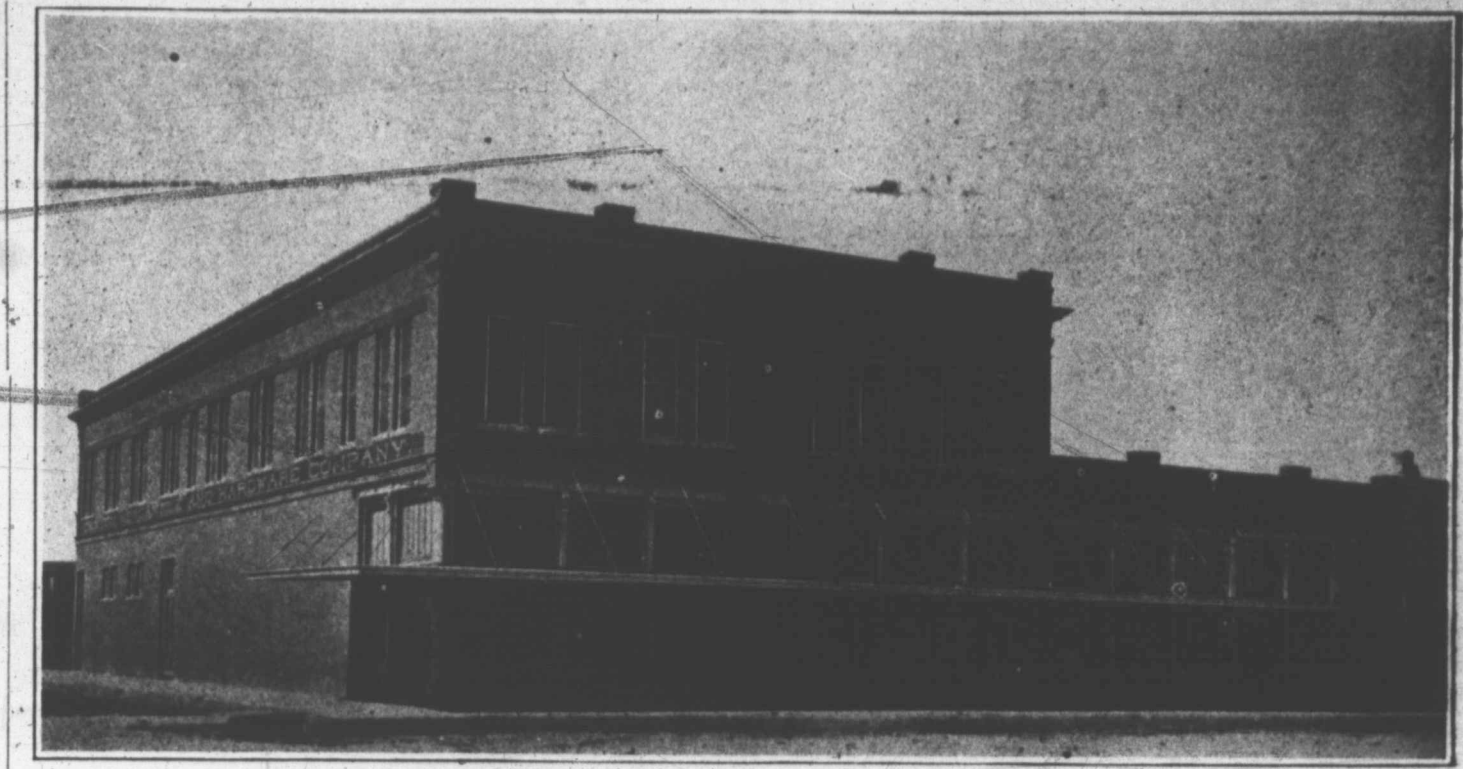
But it is not enough that a firm be successful in business. It must be progressive and active on all occasions for the greatest good to the greatest number—in short, a public spirited factor, and must sacrifice time and means to that end.

We find the above facts verified in the large and complete general department store of the Canyon City Supply Company, one of the largest of its kind in the Panhandle. They began business in this city years ago and their business from the first was large and is still growing. Their shrewd business ways in buying choice bargains to place before their customers draws an

increasing trade. From the first they were compelled to extend their purchases into other lines and to buy in larger quantities until now they have recently built an extension to the full extent of the lots upon which their business house was situated. They are entering the jobbing list in order to sell groceries at wholesale to the adjoining territory. This feature of their business will be a great advantage to the towns in the heart of the Panhandle in quick orders and cheap freight.

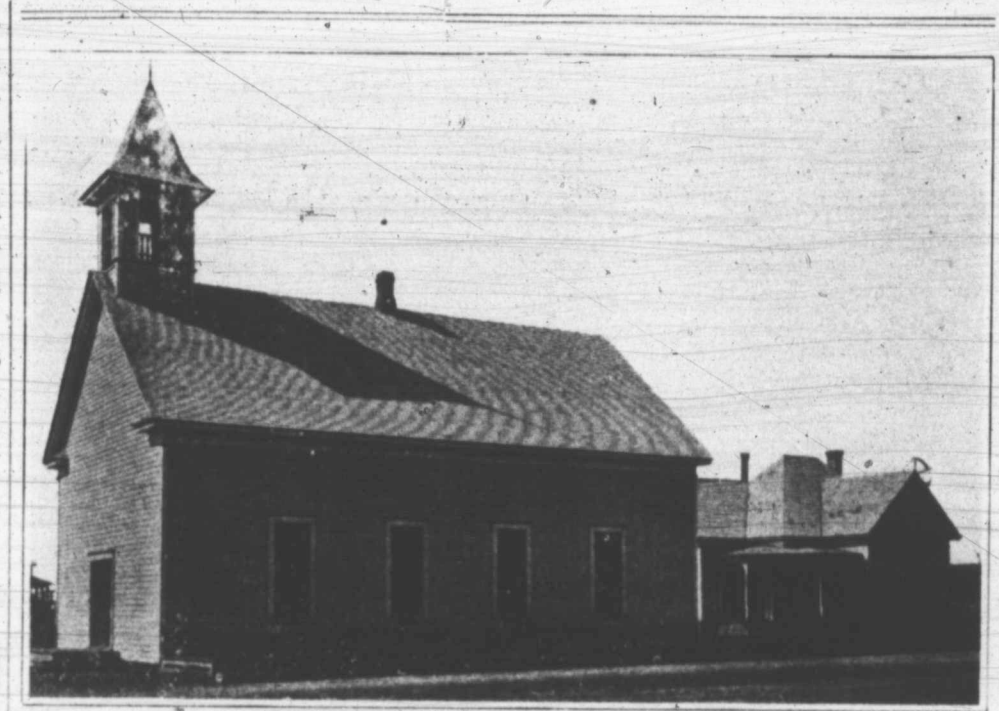
Their stock now embraces dry goods, notions, staple and fancy groceries, produce, fruits, ladies' and gent's furnishings, clothing, boots, shoes, ladies' tailored suits millinery, and, in fact, everything good to eat and to wear. This stock in all its various departments is large and well selected and strictly modern in every particular.

Their buyers make frequent trips to the wholesale markets,

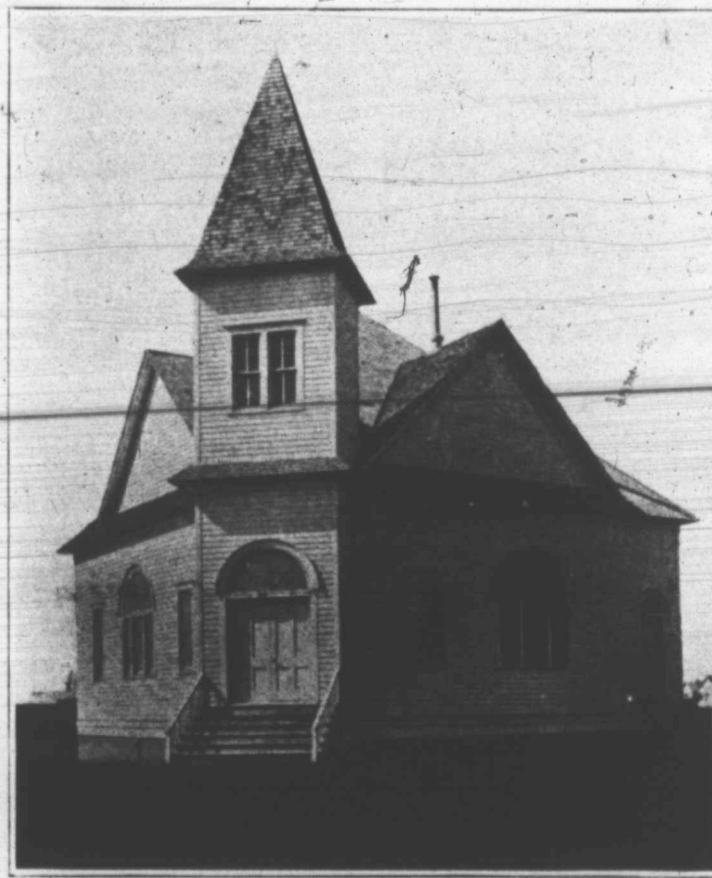


MODERN STORE BUILDING OWNED BY J. FRANK SMITH.

clerks are kept busy selling and delivering goods to their customers and keeping up with the numerous accounts. The proprietors and employees are well known people of this county and



This, the Christian church building, is located on West Evelyn street almost in the heart of the resident district. The building to the right is the manse. Elder J. J. Hutchison is the pastor of the congregation, having been called to fill the pulpit in that church a few months ago. While the membership of the church is not so large as some other congregations, still the spirit which guides these people is of such a nature that there are annually adding many people to their church rolls.



This church is the one used and owned by the Presbyterian congregation of this city. It is large and commodious and up-to-date in design. They have a large membership and a worthy pastor, Rev. J. S. Groves, and the annual increase in the membership is most encouraging.

where they keep in close touch with prevailing styles and they buy in large quantities thus enabling them to make low prices to the trade.

A large corps of well-trained

are all most obliging and courteous.

Oscar Gamble, the manager, gives the entire business his close, personal attention. He is a public spirited citizen as well as a successful business man.

Taking it all in all, the Canyon City Supply Company is an institution of which the people of Randall and adjoining counties are justly proud. Those who think of moving to this country to make it their future home will be glad to know that here in Canyon City they will find even better facilities for supplying their needs than in many of the older eastern and northern towns.

The Supply Company extends a cordial invitation to all, whether old settler or new comer, to visit their big store and become acquainted with them and their methods of business. It is their purpose to try to give even better service to the trading public in the future than in the past. All they ask is a fair trial.

Cowart's confectionery for confections.

Some First Things.

The first preliminary survey in Canyon City was made by J. H. Settles, which was later completed by E. A. Shoemaker. R. E. Baird and H. H. Wood were chairmen and L. G. Conner carried the stakes and placed the corners. Walter Roper drew the first map of the town.

The first county election was held in a shed near Mr. Conner's dugout, E. J. Lowndes presiding as judge. The first county officials elected then by the people were:

- County Judge, M. M. McGee;
- County Clerk, W. F. Heller;
- Sheriff, Sam Wise;
- Assessor, James Atkinson;
- Treasurer, A. George.

The Hotel Victoria was built by L. G. Conner and opened January 20, 1891, when a free dinner was served.

The bonds of friendship and brotherly love are well cemented by various fraternal societies.

The Masonic order has an excellent home above the Canyon National Bank, especially equipped for lodge purposes. Here, too, the Eastern Star holds regular meetings.

The I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges are both strong orders and have their hall in the Smith block, where also the Knights of Pythias meet, with a good membership.

Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America, Fraternal Union and Modern Order of Praetorians all have permanent organizations and hold regular meetings in Fraternal Hall.

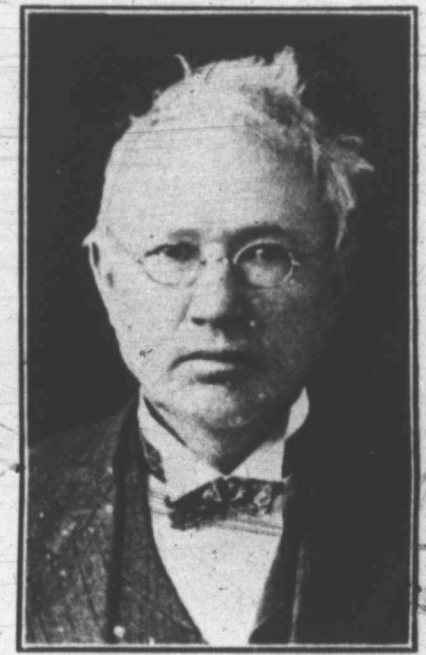
Kaffir corn and milo maize will yield every year about 40 to 60 bushels of grain per acre. A failure has never been known here. This grain will put as much fat on cattle, hogs and sheep as corn and make just as fine quality. Three or four tons of forage food per acre adds to the value of the crop.

Texas ranks as the first cattle state in the Union. In 1900, the first census authorized by Congress to determine the extent of

the livestock industry, showed that there were 9,428,106 head, representing a value of \$168,228,004.

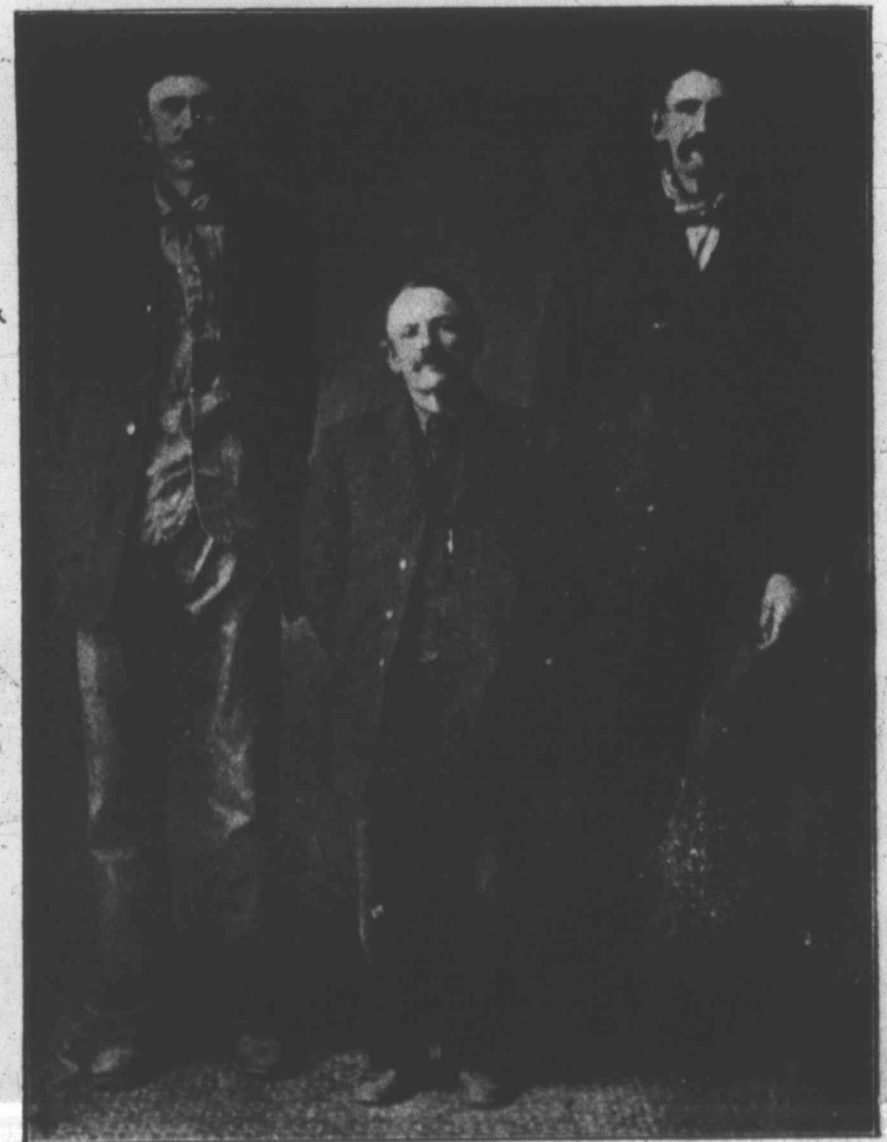
Jasper N. Haney, Mayor.

Everyone in Canyon City and Randall county knows Judge Haney. He is one of the enthusiastic workers for progress and improvement in the civic line. The improved condition of our streets and the fine cement walks are largely due to his campaign for internal improvements during the three or more years that he has held down the official chair as mayor of the city. He is one of the leading spirits in the movement to make a National or



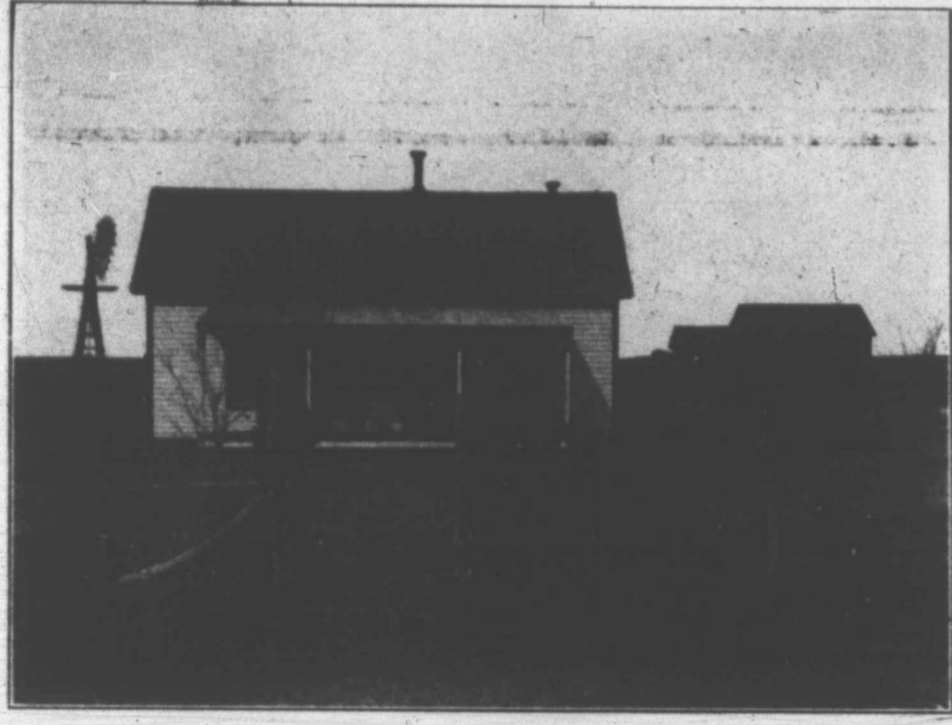
State park out of the Palo Duro canyon which runs through this county.

Judge Haney was born in Alabama where was educated for the bar. He came to Texas in 1879 and practiced law for a number of years in Weatherford. Being attracted by the climate and the future prospects of this locality he came to Canyon City in 1905 and began the practice of his chosen profession. His public spirited qualities were soon observed and he received the nomination and was elected mayor of the city. He is now serving the third term in that capacity.



MERRY BROTHERS AND DAVID THOMAS.





Several years ago there emigrated from Denton county a young man who came west to grow up with the country. This man was John A. Wilson whose home we show herewith. Since the picture was taken he has added a large addition to the house. He owns a section of land which surrounds his home, and, by his own labor, he has placed the greater portion, possibly 500 acres, in cultivation. He also believes in good hogs and annually raises a large number which he feeds upon milo maize and Kaffir corn, with much profit to himself. He is of that broad, energetic, hustling type of manhood which rapidly builds up any community in which he lives.

The Magnificent Glories of the Great Southwest.

D. A. R. McKinstry, Athens, Ohio.

General Grosvenor used to tell a political story about the tail wagging the dog. Likewise the Panhandle is wagging the state of Texas. All eyes are on the Panhandle country and immigration to that favored section is heavy.

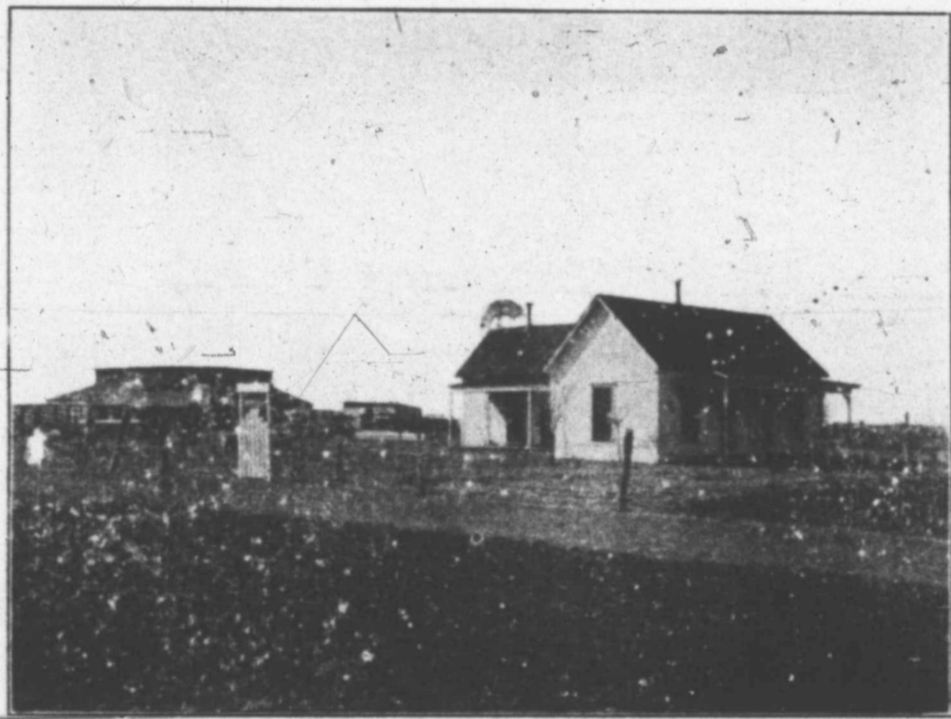
As yet there is not an average of one settler to five sections but they are coming rapidly and ere long the production and business of that country will be astounding. While it is all good, yet I think that it is generally conceded that the central tier of counties are very desirable, as they are in the shallow water belt. The land is particularly level, deep rich chocolate and black soil with a small per cent of sand. Nearly all the grass is mesquite which is said to be very nutritious—and it must be as the cattlemen used to winter their cattle on it without ever feeding them.

Some wonder why this part of Texas was not settled up long ago. The reason is that the cattle companies held it by lease for thirty years and then held it arbitrarily fifteen years longer until forced out by the military. It is now settling rapidly by the best element of our country. The attractions being the rich, deep soil which produces well nearly everything grown in the United States. An elevation of 3600 feet above the sea level, a climate free from consumption, asthma, catarrh, malaria, etc., water the purest and soft from springs and lakes and also from wells forty to one hundred feet deep.

It is destined to become a great wheat country and already the big mills of the north are arranging to draw on that region for supplies.

In several counties I learned of yields of from twenty-five to

forty bushels of wheat per acre, and of fine quality. Sod corn brings fifteen to twenty-five bushels per acre, no cultivations, and the second crops forty to seventy bushels, showing that when the ground is thoroughly cultivated and subdued it will be a good corn country. Milo



Bob Foster is one of the William Jennings Bryan kind of farmers which he calls "agriculturalists." However, Mr. Foster makes money on his farm and ranch north of this city and believes that the raising of good hogs and fine cattle for feeding purposes is the proper thing for financial results, and Mr. Foster practices what he preaches. As is shown his comfortable home has good improvements around it and his section of land is second to none in this section of the country. He has an elegant orchard in front of the house but is not shown in this picture. Mr. Foster is comparatively a young man but his financial success is great and it is the result of his own efforts in the county of Randall.

maize and Kaffir corn are heavy and profitable crops but little cultivation. All the animals and fowls are fond of it and it is a fat producer. Oats, millet and alfalfa are profitable crops. I met one farmer who cut his alfalfa three times this season getting about four tons per acre, then a seed crop he sold for \$12 per bushel—all this on land that cost him \$12 per acre three years ago.

A German colony at Dimmitt,

Castro county, are farming in the old Pennsylvania style and are getting fine results.

Cattle and hogs do well and are made ready for market cheaper than elsewhere in our country. So far as I could learn there is little or no disease among livestock. Bell Bros. have an extensive sheep-ranch in Castro county. They breed a large mutton sheep and keep an average of about 6000 head. They are large shippers and get top prices. I visited a cattle ranch and saw 300 head of high grade Hereford spring calves. They were little beauties, even in size and as fat as seals. I saw many herds of large cattle, all Herefords and in fine condition.

It is also a fruit country. I saw many young orchards three to six years old, in bearing and looking well. Trees of all kinds grow rapidly there and the bodies are smooth and healthy looking. I saw many fine apples and was assured that they grew to perfection without spraying. A merchant in Hereford showed me his orchard consisting of all kinds of fruit trees bordered with forest trees. His trees were six years old and of fine growth. He had a fine crop of apples in his cellar and canned fruit galore. His wife showed me three plum trees from which she had sold \$28.50 worth and had canned 70 quarts besides. The same gentleman showed me poplar and maple trees only six years old which were nine inches in diameter. Locust trees of

Very little school fund is assessed. The state has over \$80,000,000 in permanent school funds. The bridge and road fund is a small concern, many counties need no bridges and the roads are dry and solid.

The rainfall from 1895 to 1908 as reported by the United States weather station at Amarillo, averaged 23.61 inches and was distributed from April to November during the growing season. The winters are dry and the atmosphere fine.

Farmers are now busy plowing and told me that they could plow and work out in the fields all winter. They farm on a broad gauge there. They have gang plows, two to four furrow, horse power, and steam plows, twelve to eighteen furrows, that turn twenty-five to forty acres per day. They have a machine which plows, harrows and plants at one operation. Everything is done by modern machinery and one man can cultivate more land than four can here and get better results. I saw much farm machinery and windmills of Ohio make which are sold but little higher than here. I met the man that Mr. Rayzor told about when here that made the plowing record for the Santa Fe railroad, and he verified the story. He started westward at Canyon City on a steam plow and plowed a three-furrow fire break ninety-seven miles long and back on the other side, removing his plow to cross the Tierra Blanca river at Hereford and to change to the other



James Vetek is a Pennsylvanian who came to Randall county about a year ago with the idea that he would make a success here as a farmer. Having farmed for years in his native state he knew the hardships which the tiller of the soil had to undergo there, and when he began his agricultural work here, he was greatly surprised at the good results. He believes in having the proper kind of teams with which to work as will be shown from this picture of himself team and wagon as he was preparing for a days work. Such hustling young men make hustling communities and the more of such class of people who come to Randall county, the more rapidly will be its development into the typical acme of farming community.

wide-awake people. Both ladies and gentlemen wore caps bearing names of towns and counties. They marched and gave yells that distanced the O. U. boys and were the leading spirits of the occasion. They are sociable, zealous people and think their part of the country is the promised land. A firm there has the honor of the biggest sales for our firm this year than any other firm in the United States. It is a country where the best is good enough

The production of live stock, grain, etc., of North Texas will break the record and the export trade will be vast and the electric lines are coming also, and in a few years a network of inter-urban roads will mark the country.

"They have the soil, the climate, the water, and grasses and enterprising thousands are pouring in and they will make the most of these essentials. It looks good to me. I have been over the entire South and West and for homes and investments have seen nothing to compare with it. If I had a million I would put it all in Panhandle dirt."

Thomas Brothers, Furniture.

Thomas Bros., Proprietors.

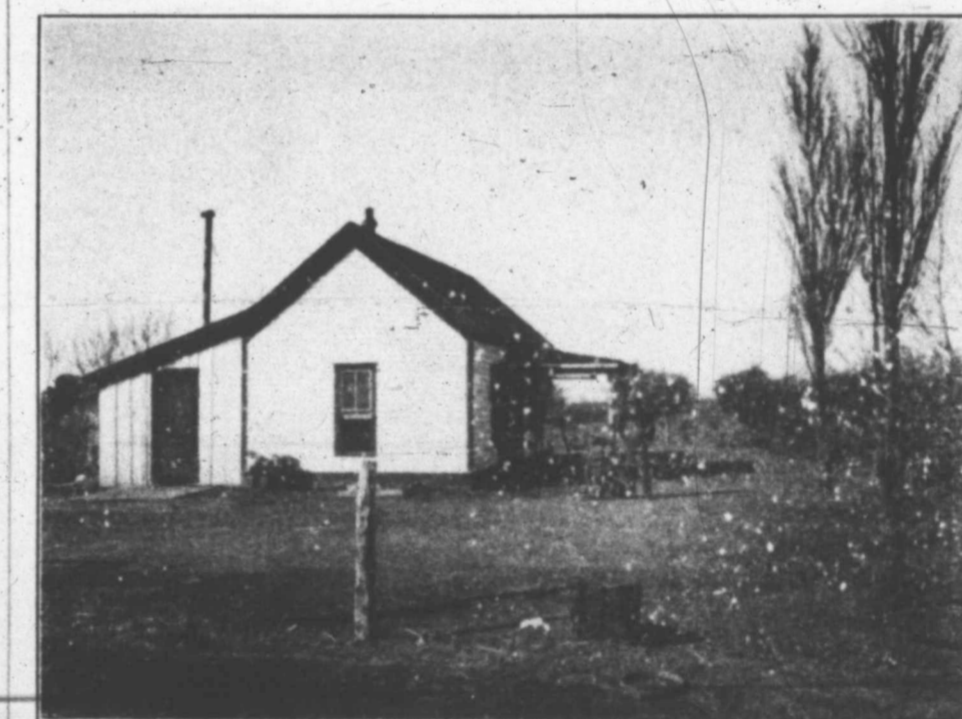
This well filled furniture store provides everything for the furnishing of homes from the cheapest to the highest priced in kitchen, bedroom, dining room or parlor, and includes carpets, rugs, linoleums, matting, curtains, pictures, frames, mattresses, davenport, sewing machines and baby carriages. Their large store room is double decked and so arranged that goods are easily inspected by their customers. They carry a full line of caskets and funeral supplies, do embalming, keep a hearse and take full charge as funeral directors.

They are the only undertakers in Randall County, and they are the only jobbers of funeral goods west of Fort Worth. It seems to be a fact that not many are needed here in this healthful climate.

The Thomas Brothers also own and manage the Canyon Opera House.

They are natives of Texas, and came west with their father, W. J. Thomas, in 1892 and engaged in the cattle business until they sold the ranch.

Good cakes and bread at the Panhandle Bakery, South side.

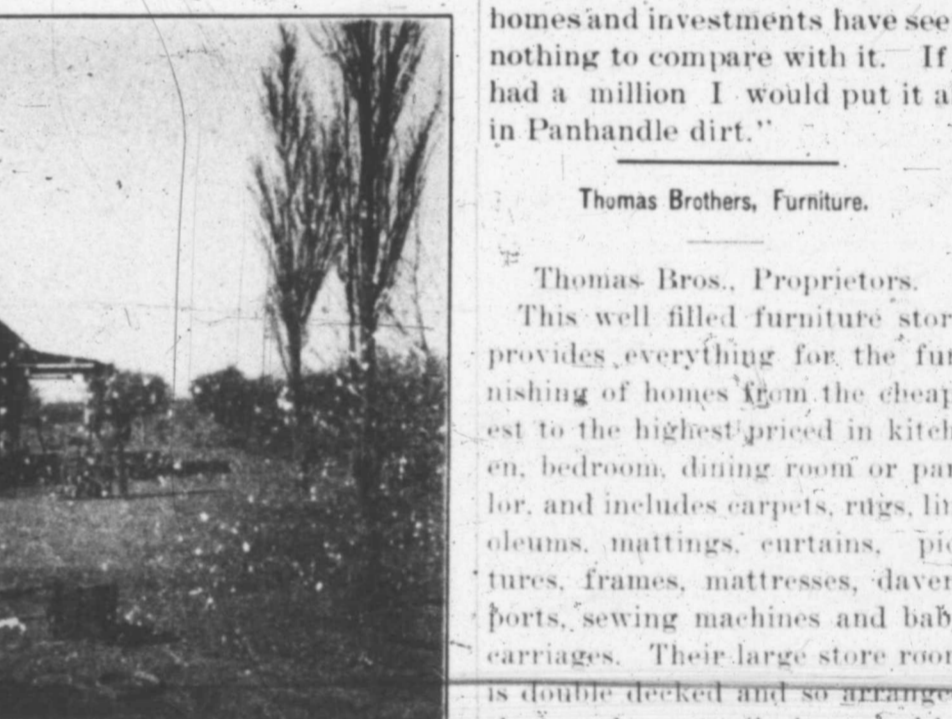


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side of the railroad near the New Mexico line. His name is James Perry Wood. And of course he couldn't lie. I complimented him on the feat and the coincidence of having the same name as our honored townsman and he said to give the Hon. J. P. my compliments and tell him that the Woods were getting there no matter where located and if they could not make it on foot they could on steam farming implements.

My son, K. T. McKinstry, who travels for the automobile department of the Columbus Buggy company, spent two weeks at the state fair at Dallas and then visited various points in the state. He writes:

"Verily this is a great country and the future of it cannot be estimated. Its development and resources are wonderful. The state fair at Dallas was a great exposition and such a display of fine stock, farm products, fruit, poultry, etc., I never witnessed in all my travels. The attendance some days reached 150,000 people which is remarkable when the great distance many of them came and the limited railway facilities are considered. The Panhandle people came on special trains, with banners and for enthusiasm and exhibits they almost took the whole bakery. On wheat, fruit and many other articles they carried off the honors. They are enterprising,



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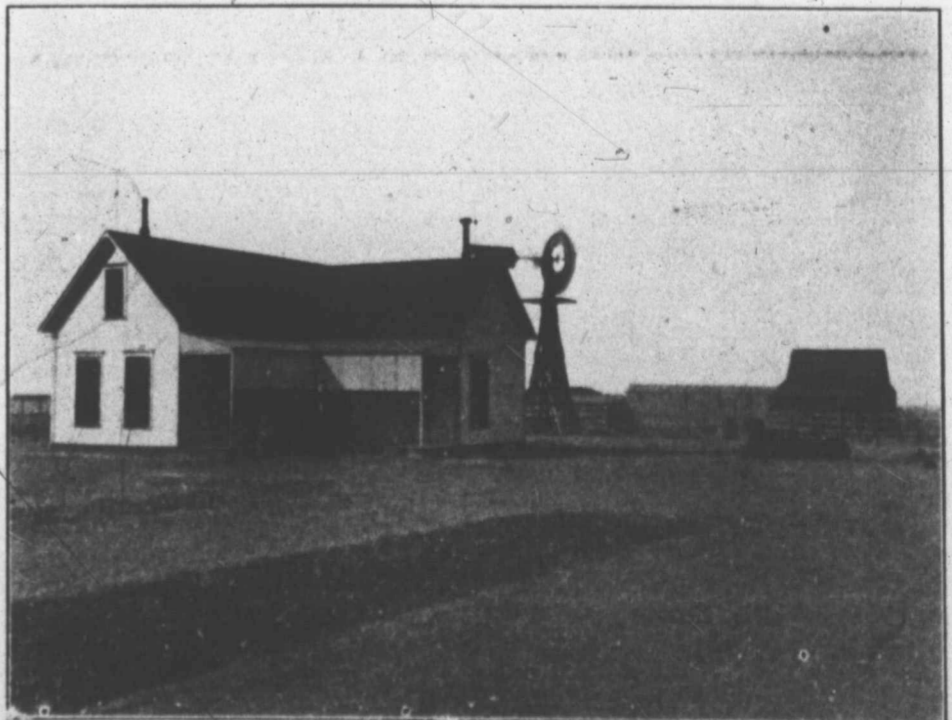
One of the "show places" of the entire Panhandle is that of T. C. Simms west of this city, where may be found one of the most ideal farms that could be imagined. Mr. Simms has a most comfortable home surrounded by fine land. He has large barns, machinery houses and other improvements of like nature and in addition he has the finest young orchard that it has ever been the pleasure of the News man to see. He is a competent farmer and believes in the future of Randall county on account of the fact that he has seen the past. He is well satisfied and were he offered a price much in excess of that for which lands are now selling in this section of the country, he would not sell.

the same age measured ten inches in diameter.

Choice raw quarter sections, three to eight miles out, were selling at \$15 to \$30 per acre, large bodies cheaper. Improved places at \$30 to \$35 per acre, owing to the distance from towns and railroads.

The large cattle ranches are being sold off at bargains. The people are moral, enterprising and prosperous. They take hold in earnest; soon become independent. I talked with farmers who paid for their lands with two of the crops and several who paid it out in one year with wheat, alfalfa, maize and hogs. Prices of stock and farm products vary but little from Ohio prices. They sow winter wheat from October to January. A large breadth is out and it looks well. I saw one entire section, owned by an Iowa man, planted in wheat—one big, square mile of wheat, and it was looking fine. He can safely figure on 25 bushels per acre. Take your pencil and figure out the result. He paid \$15 per acre for this land two years ago. He sold his Iowa land at \$100 per acre and got over six acres for one, and far better land.

Taxes are a big consideration. The rate is from 47 to 60 cents. The taxes on a section worth \$8000 to \$10,000 is \$15 to \$18—wouldn't it paralyze a fellow here? To the man who has money to invest it is an interesting proposi-



R. E. Pickens, "our old bachelor" as we know him, lives in this good farm cottage with his two sisters whose pictures are shown. His land is as good as may be found in this great country and he believes that a comfortable home is a great part of the farmer's life. He one time sold out his holdings in Randall county but could not find a place he liked better, and therefore came back and re-purchased his home place. This is one of the many good farms along the Rural Free Delivery route running west from Canyon City.



This elegant home is that of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Carter who live just north of this city. This worthy couple came to Randall county years ago and invested in some of its productive lands and as a result have secured a competence and now live at ease in a modern home, surrounded by good land and fine improvements. They are satisfied here and no amount of persuading would get them to desert this land of promise and fulfillment.

W. J. Flesher, Attorney-at-law.

Some years ago W. J. Flesher was born in Virginia. He is not blessed with the companionship of a wife, therefore his hesitancy in making public the exact date of his birth. From Virginia he moved with his parents to Missouri from which state he came to Texas a number of years ago settling in Colorado county. He secured a good education and afterwards attended and graduated from the North Texas State Normal College at Denton. From there he accepted the superintendency of the public schools at Mason City which position he held for three years leaving Mason City to attend the law de-

partment of the State University, where he was president of the Junior law class. In December last he was granted license to practice law and he is now the junior member of the legal firm of Scott & Flesher in this city. He is also assistant county attorney and since making his home in this city has made numerous friends. Under these conditions he bids fate to stand high among the attorneys of the Panhandle. Mr. Flesher is what might be termed a self-made man. It has been by his own efforts that he has attained the high class of legal and academic education that he has.



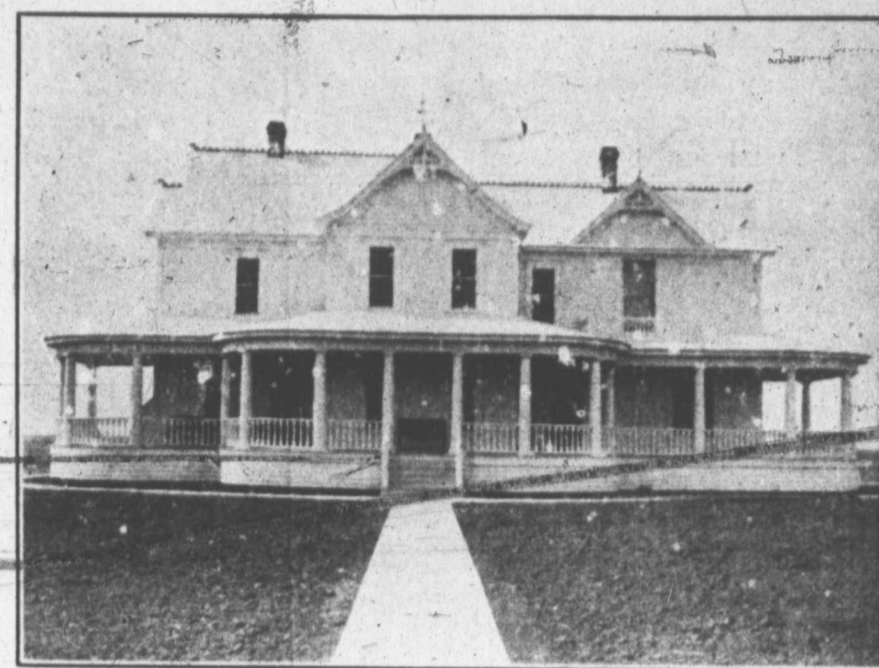
In order that he might secure the education that he desired he was compelled to work much of the time during his school years. Under such conditions it is but natural that he would work hard and fully understand the cost of his advancement. We bespeak for Mr. Flesher that success in his chosen profession to which his energy and thoroughness to detail entitles him.

The Lone Traveler in the Panhandle.

By DeWitt Clinton Priddy.

Go with me in thought to forty years ago. Close your eyes and dream of the golden west. Awaken and behold the Great Texas Panhandle. Forty years ago a lone rider, on the alert, was crossing the Great Staked Plains. His keen eyes twinkled as he looked from side to side, before and behind. The horse helps his master watch, for on each one the safety of both depends. The great level, fertile soil, is trampled day by day by the hoofs of the lone rider's animal, but not a human soul is seen, after hundreds of miles of travel except the Indian whom the writer sighted at a distance by the use of a spy glass, and whom to meet meant death, and from whose hands many a soul has been sent from the Staked Plains to meet the same God that the man of the busy city has met. But, with undaunted courage, on he goes. Once in a while, and especially at night, when he slung himself down on the grass cushioned

siques seldom equalled, say to him: "Nay, young man, for here is your life's opportunity. Stay. You will win." He stayed. In order that you may in a measure realize how the opportunity you now have to get a cheap home in the greatest country in the world has been placed before you, think of this young man hauling material over 200 miles to build a home. Think of the deprivations he underwent. Think of his noble life in constant danger. He helped to pave the way to fortune for thousands. His first neighbor was the cow man fifty and one hundred miles away. His next neighbor was the Fort Worth & Denver railroad, which passed his front door. The next neighbor was the man with the hoe. Then more railroads, more towns, and by looking at the Texas map you will see the Panhandle has six railroads, more lines are being built yearly, and the Panhandle is rapidly setting up. One of the longest roads in



J. A. Edwards is a man who remains a citizen of Randall county from choice and not from necessity. He came here in an early day and found the great advantages which the beautiful Plains had to offer and has remained to prosper with everyone else. We show above the handsome country home of this gentleman and you will not find a better home anywhere upon a farm. Mr. Edwards believes in progressiveness and this belief has resulted in much material wealth to himself, and he uses these blessings for the benefit of not only himself and his family, but of his neighbors and friends as well.

industry in the Panhandle. The farmers are raising milo maize, kafir corn, alfalfa and other cheap feed for hogs. At present prices, hog-raising is profitable, even if the animals are fed 50 cent corn. But the big reward comes to the man who provides Bermuda wheat and alfalfa pasturage for his hogs.

Judge Alfred Nelson Henson.

Born in Franklin County, Ill., came to Tarrant County, Texas, in 1873 and in 1898 came to Canyon City. His father, Albert Henson, was a native of Tennessee and his mother of Illinois. They are still living at Poncha, California, at the age of 70 years. Judge Henson attended the common schools a few months each winter until fifteen years ago. Whatever other qualifications he has are the result of observation and absorption. Since seventeen years of age he has been in the frontier of Texas. He has been a farmer, miner, school teacher, county commissioner, deputy



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ground to rest, with the horse's lariat tied to his wrist, his mind wandered back to old Kentucky. He saw his old mother and father by the fireside. He would like to see them once more, and if ever permitted to he would never make this trip again. But onward he goes. He notes the luxuriant grass that forms a Brussels carpet over the rich dark loam. The grandeur and beauty of the country appealed to him. Then comes the thought: I wonder if ever man will be permitted to till this rich Panhandle soil? not dreaming he was to be the first white man to have the opportunity.

Thus it goes. That opportunity presents itself to every man in the world, even after this lonely ride. This young man, full of vigor, life and determination, finally concluded that he wanted a home in the golden Panhandle. In his dreams he sees the Panhandle become the lode star of the world. His dreams became true. He comes. He builds a home, standing all the hardships and terrors you can possibly imagine; often his heart almost fails him, and the desire to return to the old Kentucky home almost drives him wild. But the great, strong mind, backed with a phy-

the world will soon be in operation from the coast of Texas directly through the Panhandle to Seattle, Wash. The Golden State limited, from the north to California, crosses the upper Panhandle.

Some of our country homes will rival those of any country. Every town has the air of prosperity. We have schools and churches well distributed over the country, and most every denomination is represented in the Panhandle. Some of our villages have grown into little giant cities of twelve to sixteen thousand in the last two, three and four years. Wholesale houses, railroads, street railways, manufactures, packing houses, and numerous industries are represented and on a prosperous footing. You can live a modern life in the Panhandle today, where it was a strenuous one not many years ago.

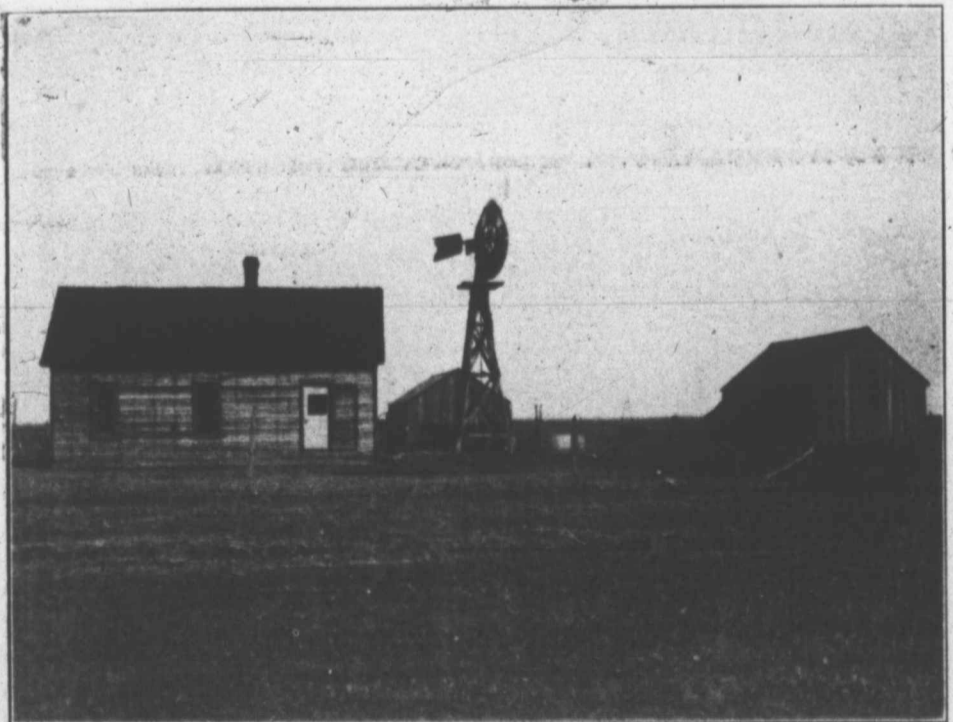
Panhandle Hogs.

During the past year the output of hogs in the Panhandle has increased 400 per cent. It is the great new field for the hog industry in this state. In East Texas, where hogs were grown at one time, the farmers have turned to fruit and truck farming. There is a reason for the remarkable development of the hog

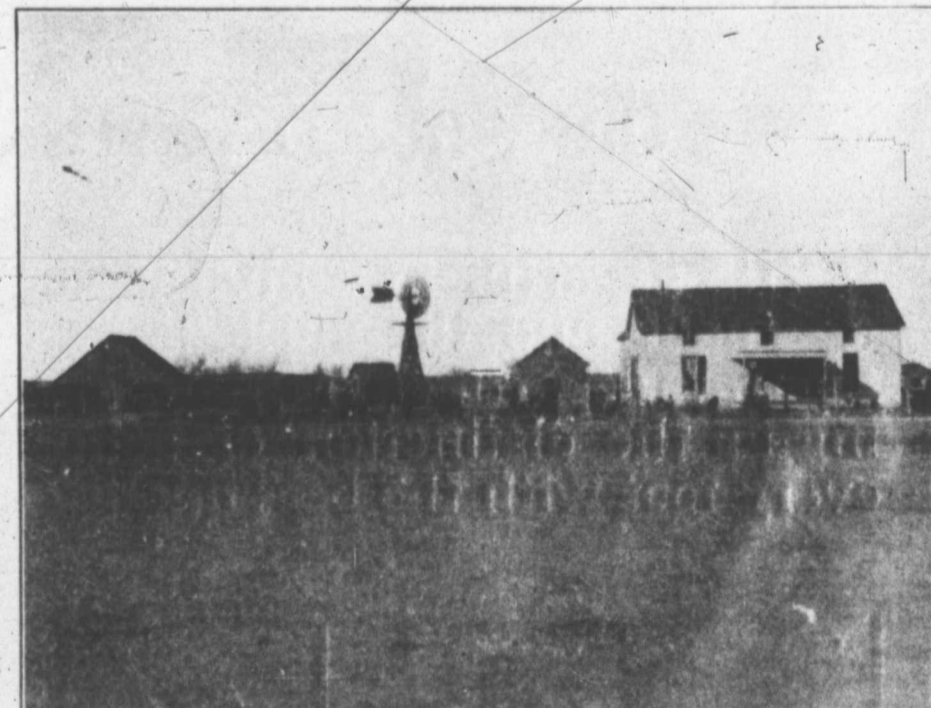
Panhandle farmers have learned this lesson from their neighbors on the north, and will soon be rivaling their teachers in this great branch of the producer's business.—Fort Worth Star.

county clerk and is serving his third term as county judge. He is a staunch prohibitionist and an ardent friend of the schools and an earnest advocate of good roads an independent democrat and an Odd Fellow. He came to Canyon City in 1898 dead broke and now has a nice home, with lots of fruits and flowers. He is a strong believer in the success of the plains. Judge Henson has been twice married. In his first family there are five children, the youngest of whom, Miss Zina has grown up in Canyon and is in the graduating class of our high school this term.

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This is the new home of H. J. Webber, an Iowa man who came to this county to grow up with the country. This is typical of what may be done, by one man. He owns a half section of land upon which he planted over two hundred acres of sod crops last year, he and his son working the same, and making a result from his crops that would exceed the expectations of the most sanguine. He and his son will cultivate nearly three hundred acres of land this year, showing that the land is easily tilled. He is an earnest advocate of "Randall countyism" and thinks that he made the best move in his life when he came here. He is a hard worker and a conscientious thinker, keeping well posted on the best methods, employing the best machinery, keeping fine stock for work purposes and maintaining a high standard in his business transactions.



It is said that the deserving shall prosper and it is clearly exemplified by the results of the labors of Mr. and Mrs. P. Freimel, whose home place near Embarger in this county, appears herewith. These people are Germans and they have made a great success in tilling Randall county soil. They have hundreds of acres of land which they have acquired by the results of their labors here. Mr. Freimel does not believe in going in debt for but one thing and that is soil. He knows that the extent of land will not increase but that, daily, the number of people is rapidly increasing. When he gets one tract of land paid for he immediately goes in debt and buys another. He sells none but continually buys. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Freimel took many prizes at the county fair on the products of their farm and garden.

Early Religious History in Canyon City.

I see in a recent issue of your valuable paper that you are collecting material for a historical number to be issued soon, and as I am one of the old timers, I thought perhaps I could give you some facts in regard to the churches of our city, which would not be thought of by any one else, and are not known to all.

The first sermon preached in Canyon City was by a traveling Methodist preacher, and was delivered in the store house of Roberts & Leach, the first merchants in Canyon City. The firm's goods were ordered and the house was in readiness for their reception. In the interval of waiting for the goods the preacher came through and held service in the house, which was later known as the Redfearn building and burned down about a year ago.

Mr. L. G. Conner (founder of the town) decided to donate a building site to each denomination and requested some member of each denomination to make a suitable selection for that purpose. Mr. N. Thompson, still a resident here, selected a site for

a Methodist church. Mr. Conner acting for the Baptist people, selected a site for their house, and W. F. Heller selected a site for a Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Mr. Al. Hammond, the only member of the Christian church here at that time, failed to make a selection for them, and consequently, when they became strong enough to build a house they had to purchase a building site.

The deeds to those properties

were all written and recorded by W. F. Heller, first County Clerk of Randall county.

New people were constantly coming here and finally each denomination was strong enough to organize churches and held their meetings in the court house, each denomination holding service once a month.

My recollection is that the first pastors of the churches were as follows: Bro. Jackson, of the Methodist; Bro. Capps, of the Baptist; Bro. Bandy, of the Christians, and Bro. A. W. Rogers of the Presbyterian.

In the spring of 1890 W. F. Heller, Miss Emma Turner and Miss Margaret Roberts (now Mrs. John Knight) organized at the court house the first Sunday School in Randall county.

As the churches grew stronger in membership they commenced to build their own houses of worship. The Baptist built first and the Methodist second. After moving to their new houses, they each organized a denominational Sunday school, severing their connection with the Union school at the court house.

The Presbyterians built the third house and when they mov-

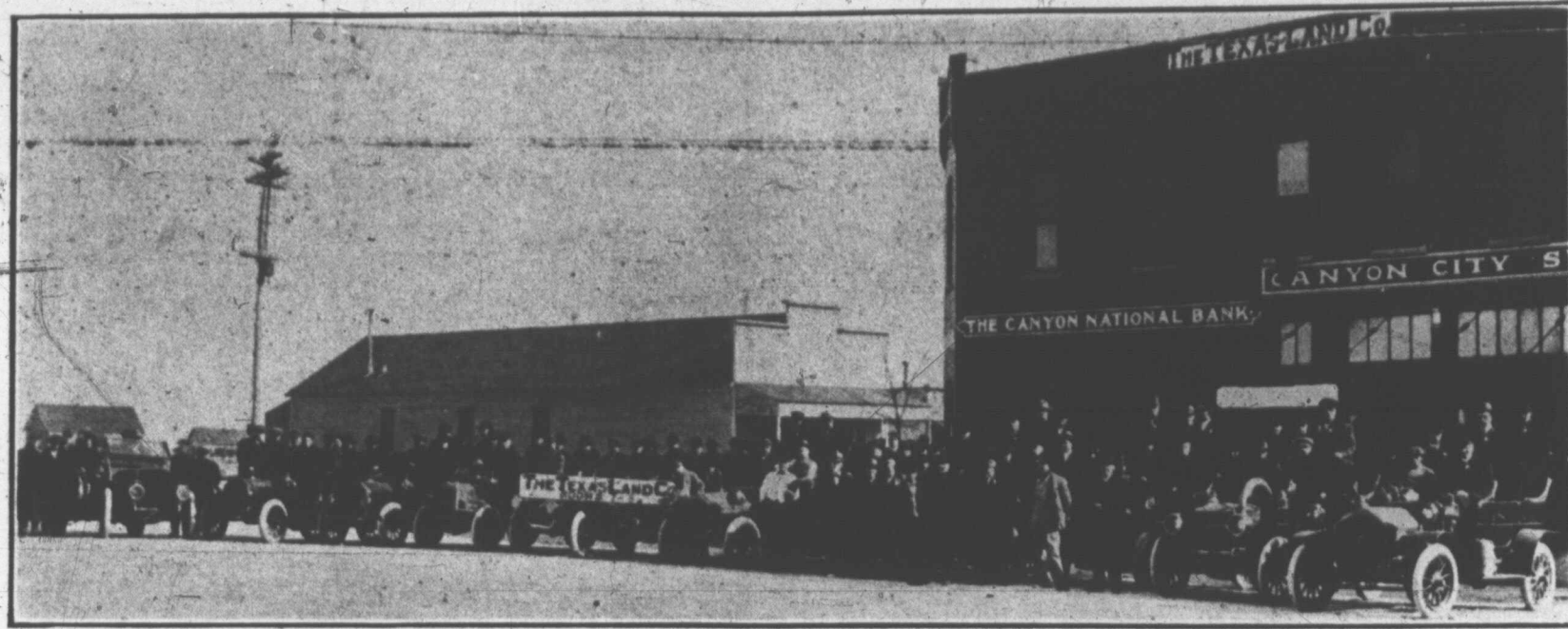
ed to their new place of worship invited the Christian Brethren to go with them and hold service part of the time, they accepted the invitation and held their services in the Presbyterian church until they grew strong enough to build their own house of worship and organize a Sunday School.

By this chain of events the old original first Sunday school organization was left at the Presbyterian church, where it still remains, and two of the first organizers, W. F. Heller and Mrs. John Knight, still teach a class, as they have done, with short intervals, ever since the organization.

Miss Emma Turner is now a resident of the state of Washington, where she has taught school for many years.

The oldtimers often speak of the good services we enjoyed at the old court house, and to many of us that upper room is a sacred place. MRS. S. R. HELLER.

Many of the large areas of land here are now being broken by the use of the steam plow and often these monster machines turn as much as fifty acres of sod in one day, showing how easily the work is done.



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the spirit that prompted our grandfathers to cross the great "Father of Waters" and settle upon the trackless prairies.

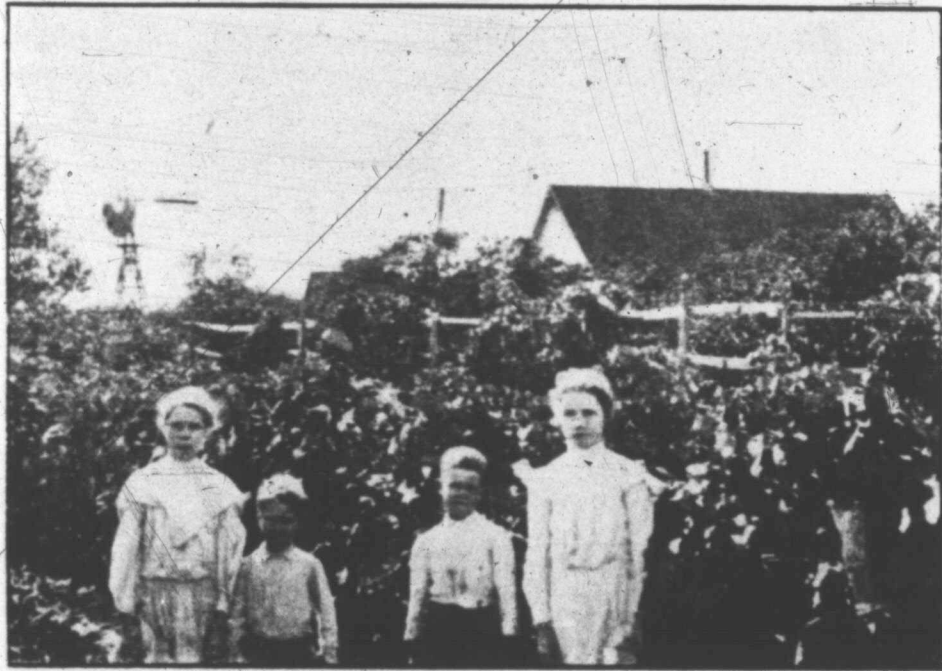
The Texas Panhandle is the one new great West full of promise left in our great country and it is no wonder that we are engaging the attention of people all over the continent.

Greeley followed his own advice and founded Greeley, Colo., now one of the most prosperous cities of the Plains, surrounded by productive farms and a happy prosperous people. Take his advice and go West while yet opportunity is open. The last great West will soon be a thing of the past. Quit renting and get a home of your own. Take advantage of the cheap railroad rates to see the largest body of cheap but fertile land in the United States.

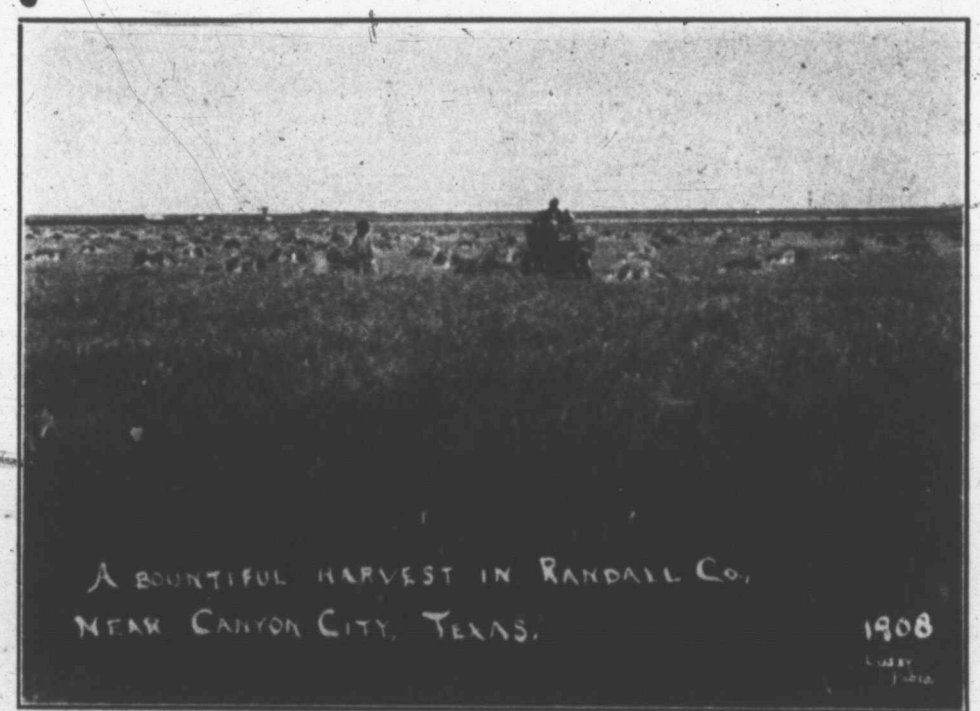
Did you ever notice that more rain falls in the Panhandle during the months that crops are growing than in many of the northern and eastern States? Study your weather report a bit. It will surprise you. After you have compared the rainfall in the different sections of the country you will no doubt investigate the price of Panhandle lands.

Go West, Young Man.

Horace Greeley immortalized his name when he said, "Go West young man and grow up with the country." He merely touched a chord that is ready to vibrate in every ambitious man, and it has been the case from the beginning of things on this continent. Action is born in the bones and they want new fields and new opportunities. It was the incentive of Daniel Boone's entry into the Kentucky wilderness. It was



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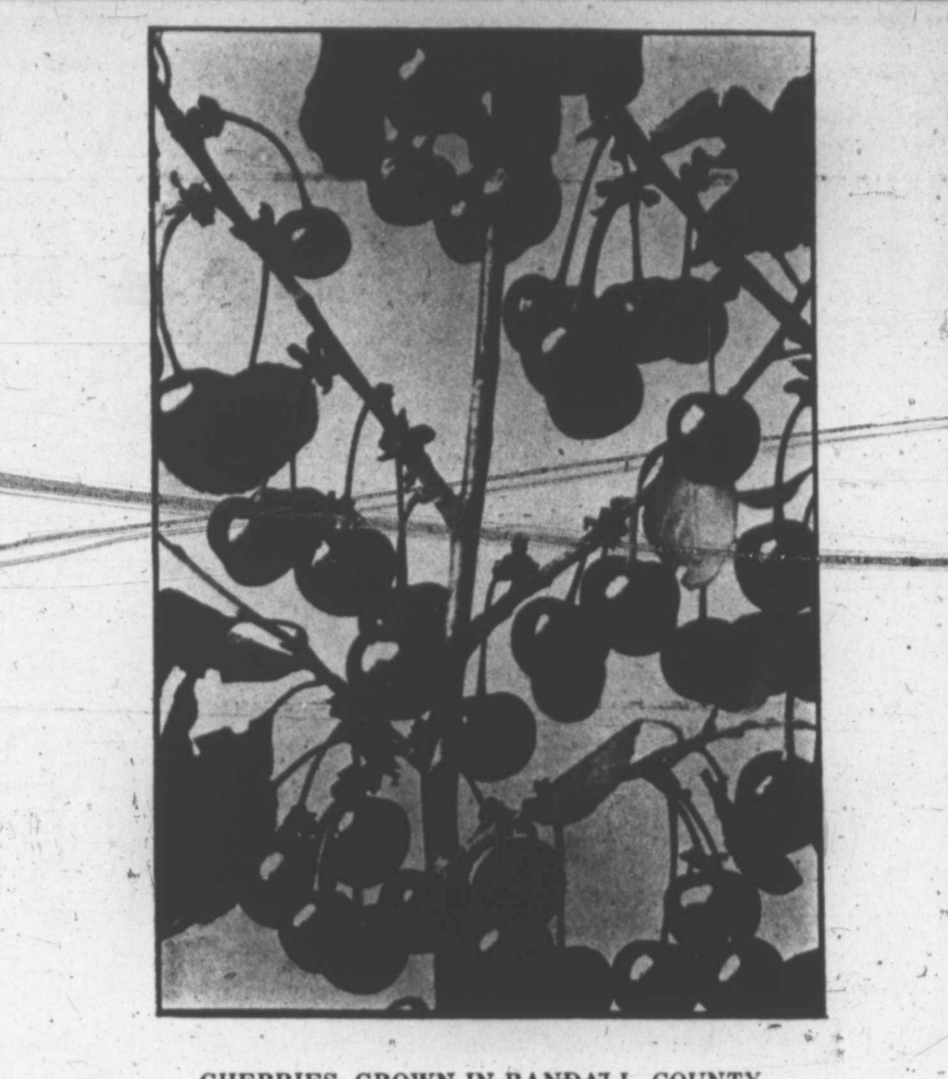
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YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
1895	1.60	1.92	0.16	1.31	1.78	6.84	2.88	3.87	0.57	2.26	0.81	0.79	24.79
1896	0.76	0.41	0.21	0.35	2.20	2.31	7.04	0.63	2.45	0.09	0.35	2.88	24.28
1897	2.20	0.65	0.47	1.08	4.44	2.22	1.62	7.10	7.31	6.00	0.80	0.39	19.16
1898	0.86	0.82	0.35	0.98	3.32	4.81	3.88	4.63	0.48	4.10	3.42	0.62	22.54
1899	0.29	0.07	0.17	0.23	1.24	4.56	0.96	0.51	0.09	1.53	2.41	1.12	7.39
1900	0.59	0.47	0.48	4.74	5.81	8.43	2.10	8.35	2.51	5.80	0.80	0.72	40.40
1901	0.03	0.48	0.02	4.90	5.90	9.21	5.63	0.32	1.93	2.62	0.00	0.42	24.42
1902	0.04	T	0.54	1.83	1.42	0.11	4.52	4.20	0.95	1.74	2.40	5.22	21.91
1903	0.12	2.95	0.26	0.90	1.79	2.83	3.38	4.67	0.82	2.58	0.00	T	20.28
1904	0.16	1.08	T	0.65	2.88	5.53	2.48	4.93	3.50	4.40	2.00	0.92	33.33
1905	1.00	1.52	2.62	4.52	0.16	2.19	3.76	0.63	0.88	3.05	0.91	1.52	32.32
1906	4.1	3.1	6.4	3.2	1.8	2.07	2.90	6.76	1.96	2.49	2.58	1.92	32.92
1907	1.11	0.24	0.02	2.50	0.99	1.37	1.49	6.20	0.91	1.79	0.66	1.46	18.09
1908	0.26	0.72	T	1.90	3.55	1.73	5.40	2.75	1.83	0.40	0.51	T	19.05
Average	0.68	0.77	0.43	1.63	0.66	2.97	3.47	3.13	2.20	1.65	1.30	0.85	23.35

Average for April, May, June, July, August or September, 2.74
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ICE FOR SALE—We will handle and sell ice this season. We will deliver to stores or residences. Phone your order. Canyon Coal & Elevator Company. 6tf

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILISTS—The law requires lights on all automobiles at night. The speed limit is eight miles per hour. Better observe these requirements and avoid trouble. R. H. Sanford. 4tf

OSTEOPATH PHYSICIAN—Dr. W. T. Miller, a graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., now divides his time between Canyon and Hereford. Dr. Miller is in Canyon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week at the residence of Hugh Muldrow. 6tf

NOTICE—Positively no fishing or hunting allowed in my pasture. Do not force me to deal harshly with you please. W. E. Bates. 7tc

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NOTICE—No camping, hunting or fishing allowed on the following sections on the Terra Blanco and Palo Duro creeks: Sections No. 11, blk. K, 14; Deaf Smith county; 108, 117, 140 and 141, blk. K, 14; Nos. 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23, blk. L, all in Randall county, Texas. Any parties found trespassing will be prosecuted. Signed, John Hutson, owner and agent, Canyon City, Texas. 12tc

Notice of Special City Election.

An election is hereby ordered and will be held at the Court House in Canyon City, Texas, on Saturday the 26th day of June, 1909, to elect one Alderman for Ward No. 2, in said city, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of E. H. Ackley. The qualified Electors in each of the three Wards can vote at said election. E. A. Upfold will be the Presiding officer and J. A. Hood and Sam Heyser will act as Judges, and they will appoint two competent persons as clerks to aid in holding said election. 12 2tc JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG

In the Southwest, or the Southern Young Man's Opportunity.

From time out of memory the course of empire has been westward. Civilization originating in the East flourished, developed a people which, moving westward, carried with them the great and enduring elements of that region left behind, erected a yet better civilization and pushed out some of their best members to a place still farther westward. Asia, then continental Europe, England, then America on our eastern shore, the leading civilizing forces. All marked the temporary place of this was slow progress. So slow that even Jefferson, founding his judgment on the past, said of our own country, that it would take one hundred years for the Mississippi to be reached. But we have long passed that river and it can be truly said that the course of empire is now rapidly southward and westward. The advice of the far-seeing Greeley to the young men to go west has by this century developed into the command: Young men, Go South!

In every line of human activity the South is a place of almost unparalleled opportunity. While at the North the age of progress has been long on, at the South it has but begun. While the history of the North is largely past history; that of the South is largely present and future.

Of the North it can be truly said, her civilization is established, her industries are developed, her fortunes are amassed, her people are educated and her future is to be a repetition, if a brilliant one, of the past. But we have a young South, and especially a young Southwest. Her civilization is today in the making. Her industrial activities, her wealth, the education and skilled training of her people, her political policies, are yet in their infancy, and her future is to be replete with the most

doubled in the South from 1880 to 1900, increasing more rapidly in the past five years, and the promise is still greater in the future. Figures recently compiled by the Railway Age show that the South is constructing more than one-half of the country's railroads, and she is doing it with her own capital.

Again, look at the South's educational revival. Starting as she did after the War in a state of prostration and exhaustion, her resources spent, annihilated, all her force completely astray, she has survived the destructive period of Reconstruction, shaken off the depressions of the latter seventies, started magnificent industrial enterprises during the decade ending with 1890, and since then instituted a system of educational advancement rarely equaled in the annals of America, ancient or modern. In the past few years the South has more than doubled her funds for school purposes, has greatly improved her normal schools, has built up many excellent private schools and colleges, has broadened and rationalized her public school courses, required uniformly higher standards for teachers, introduced into many of her city schools school grading, established a system of agricultural education, among which Secretary Wilson, Department of Agriculture, found the most perfect type in the United States, with the Land Grant Colleges at the head, the district agricultural high school and normal schools next, and the country public schools, with agriculture required, getting into close contact with the farmers and their children. She has lately become interested in the education of her "poor whites" and has given annually during the past generation some three or four million dollars to the education of the negro. Educational conference after educational conference has been held. State and county and township campaigns have been conducted all over the South and our people are becoming fired with the determination that we shall take our

omponent of our rural sections. To accomplish these great needs our agriculturists must be united, and this demands much trained leadership not yet to be found. But it is in the stage of development. The rural free delivery, the telephone, good roads, are forces at work all too slow toward the accomplishment of the minutest need of the countryman. But who shall see that all these are properly guided? What literature shall the rural free delivery carry to our country homes? What social chats, what heart to heart talks shall the telephone convey from family to family? What elements of the town life shall enter the life of the present clean, honest country folk? Opportunities are here abundant for young men and young women. Our timber, our landscape beauty, our present humid climate, conducive to abundant crop productions are to be preserved, if preserved at all, by trained leadership in systematic forest preservation and tree planting. Tree planting is especially the crying need of the Plains country. That, together with improved "dry farming" constitute the great source of the Plains' future increase in farm crops.

An educational problem of vast magnitude and importance is: "How can the 'poor white' be made to rise to the vantage ground of his greatest possibilities?" We have our great negro schools at Tuskegee, at Hampton, at Atlanta. Where is the "poor white" university? What direct line of pull have we beginning with him where he is, in his illiterate and indifferent condition, drawing him systematically on to the summit of university education and opportunity? This is a vast mountain region problem.

Our Race Problem.

And the white leaders of the South dare not neglect the duty they owe to the heterogeneous and struggling negro millions. If led aright they must be guided by the strongest Southern white leaders. But likely this will not soon be a Panhandle problem.



A BUNCH OF YOUNG HEREFORDS RAISED BY JOHN HUTSON IN RANDALL COUNTY.

startling advances ever known to man. From any point of view the South's future is great.

Think for a moment of her industrial future. Take her present and prospective wealth in agriculture, mining, manufacturing and railroad building, banking and commerce. The South today with a population of a little more than 25,000,000 is considerably more wealthy than was the whole United States in 1860 with a population of 31,443,000. And as the South's wealth in 1860 was not more than one-third of the country's at that time it will be seen that the South's wealth has about quadrupled since 1860. And when we consider the further fact that the South lost in the war her slaves worth about two billion dollars and other property worth about three billion dollars; and the still further fact that it took until about 1880 to begin to recover from her heavy losses sustained during the War and Reconstruction, her growth seems little short of miraculous.

What of its growth since 1880? With a population—nearly one-third of which is negro—increasing in twenty-five years 55 per cent, the South's farm values increased 85 per cent, her farm products 100 per cent, the assessed and true value of her property 115 per cent, the capital invested in her manufacturing and her manufactured products between 300 and 400 per cent, and her mineral products 600 per cent. Southern cotton mills now consume about eight times as much cotton as they did in 1880. The production of pig iron and coal has increased more rapidly than this; the value of her lumber products is some 400 per cent greater and her exports nearly 80 per cent. Banking interests have about trebled in the past fifteen years. The South can now handle her large cotton crops, can largely finance her railroad building and this marks the approach of her economic independence.

Railroad mileage more than proper place in the forefront of educational advancement. And in all this educational progress we have but the earnest of what is to come. We have problems many and grave to solve, obstacles abundant and high uplifted to mount, tasks numerous and arduous to perform. And we will accomplish the work and achieve the greatness assigned us, first by discovering for and pressing on to their accomplishment.

Opportunities in the South.

Let there be named, merely, some of the opportunities of young men and women at the South.

First, consider the need of our agricultural population. The world will soon demand twice, then three times and more of the farmer's products. And the South, besides producing her share of food products, must hand over almost all the world's supply of cotton. To do this we need alone trained and scientific tillers of the soil. For, as Dr. I. P. Roberts, of the Department of Agriculture at Cornell University, has pointed out, all ordinary soil contains enough plant food if it could be made rapidly enough available, to produce annually some ten, twenty, yea, fifty times the crops we now produce on it. The man who learns properly to "tickle the soil" so that the farmer will measurably secure his just yield, will be indeed a great benefactor to mankind.

Sharp competition is developing into yet sharper, and the farmer must learn to diversify, to properly fertilize, mainly from the God-given air, and with the best skill to use and improve machinery, to control the uncontrollable labor, to select the most perfect type of crop seed, and to build and beautify the best American homes that there may be kept on the farm our strongest young men and happiest young women for the future yet greater devel-

Again, foreign labor and wealth are destined and are rapidly coming southward. A yet more complex race problem is before us for solution before we have fairly begun the solution of the simpler two-race problem. Railroads, like dirt roads, will stretch everywhere along our lessening distances between great cities that shall spring up as if by magic in our Southland of destiny. In addition to our illiteracy problem, slum and social poverty problems in these cities will be thrown upon us in a night of sleep. Great wealth will with boldness buy city and state governments. Business ethics then indeed will be different from church ethics, unless our young men sit up and take notice and fulfill their matchless opportunity and prepare to guide aright our unprecedented advancement.

And the white leaders of the South, yea, the march of the race, calls for your careful training, for your most thorough and complete preparation to meet successfully these tasks as they present themselves. The South, and we verily believe the Southwest in particular, has a great future. If we of these sections do not by preparation seize our opportunity to become leaders of this advancing civilization, in its march through our country, others will and we welcome others to join us in this great work. May every young life, north and south, east and west, who may read this earnest address to him, catch and intensify the spirit of the throbbing, pulsating, surging progress that now beats and breaks against the walls of the heart of the New South, and with this moment being preparation that will put him superior to each task small or great that shall present itself in a busy and useful life. Devote your youth to earnest study and life. Perfect and beautify your body, your mind, your spirit, and be a whole man, wholly fitted to

meet the whole destiny of the God of whole creations.

William James Beeson, Head of Normal Department, Central Plains College, Plainview, Texas, in *Trade County Herald*.

Election Order.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Canyon City, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of said city for the purpose hereinafter mentioned: THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered by the City Council of said City that an election be held on the 15th day of July, 1909, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted: Shall the City Council of the City of Canyon City, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said city in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, payable in forty years from date, with option of redeeming them at any time after twenty years from date, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a waterworks and sewer system within the limits of said City.

Said election shall be held at the New Court House in Canyon City, Randall County, Texas, for Wards No. 1, 2, & 3, of said city, and the following named persons are hereby appointed as managers of said election: E. A. Upfold, shall be presiding judge, J. F. Hood, shall be assistant judge, S. A. Shotwell, shall be a clerk and L. L. Van Sant, shall be a clerk of said election.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 149, Acts of the 20th Legislature, Laws 1899, and duly qualified voters, who are property tax payers of said city, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters, desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds, shall have printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of bonds" and those opposed shall have printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds." The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor.
Attest: C. V. WOOLLEY, Sec'y. 12 4tc

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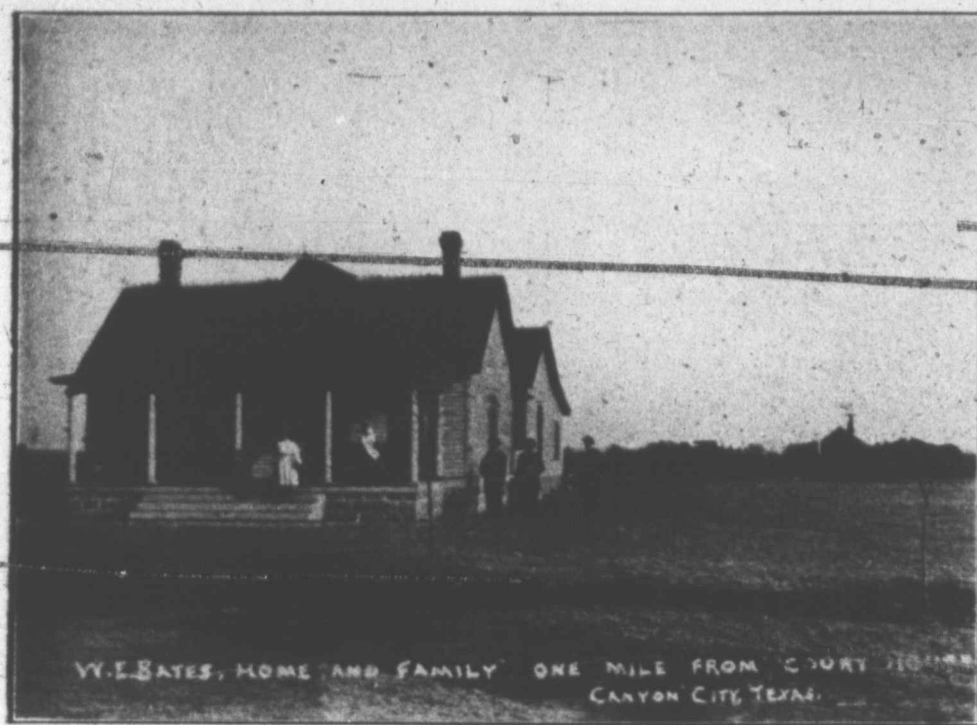
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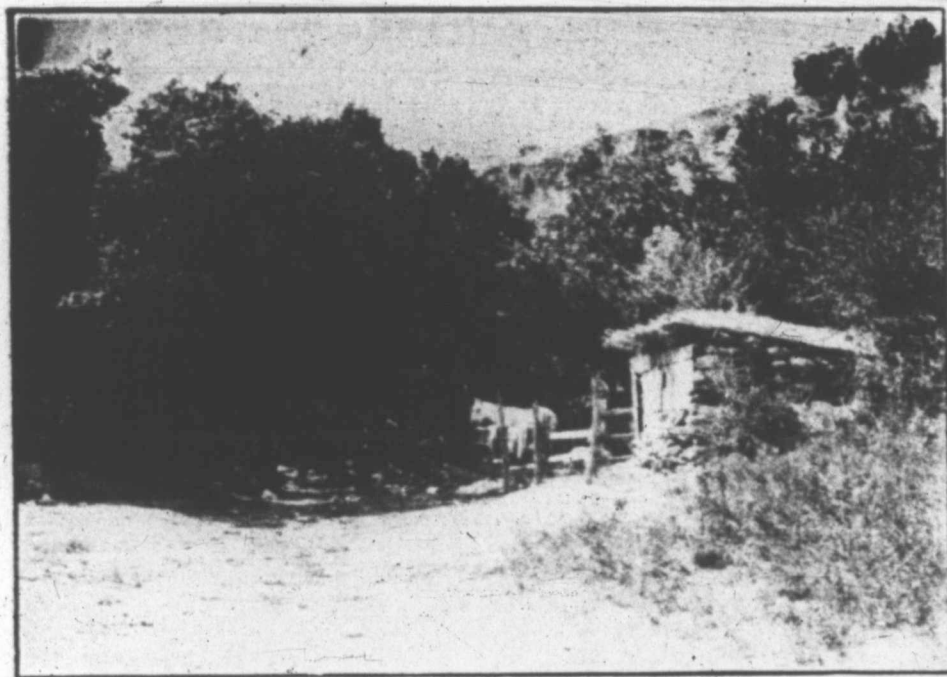


W. E. BATES, HOME AND FAMILY ONE MILE FROM CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

William E. Bates.

Possibly no one farmer in the state knows more about the vicissitudes of the successful farmer than William E. Bates, who lives adjoining Canyon City. The subject of this sketch was born in Nacogdoches county, Texas, in 1863, his father and mother moving in that year to the eastern

portion of Denton county. The father, W. H. Bates, or "Uncle Hubbard" as we familiarly called him before his death, was the first settler in the eastern portion of the now prosperous county of Denton. William E. Bates lived in the old home community until 1902 when he moved to this county and bought the 885 acres in that year to the eastern of land adjoining this city upon



This temporary shelter is found in the Palo Duro canyon nearly a thousand feet below the level prairie less than two miles away. The large trees which surround the place makes it indeed very attractive. Few people realize that there is in this country the greatest freak of nature that may be found in the world. The Palo Duro canyon will someday become either a State or National park. It is too pretty for the hand of man to despoil.

which he and his family now live. He was married to Miss Symantha Moreland in Collin county in September, 1875, and it is she who has been his co-worker and helper in the early struggles to secure the foothold which he earnestly desired. This worthy couple has eleven children, all of whom are practically grown into men and women. They are, Hubbard W. Bates, a business man of Prosper, Texas; Joseph E. Bates, a traveling evangelist whose headquarters are at Peniel, Texas; Robert Bates, an evangelist of this city; Reuben Bates, whose home is in this city, but who has been studying for the ministry at a theological school at Peniel; Mrs. E. J. Witt of Amarillo, wife of one of the most prominent real estate men of that town; Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of C. W. Harper, a prominent farmer of Denton county; John Bates, a son who graduated from the local high school this year; Bristow, Archie, Lizzie and Averill Bates, children who still reside under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates have been, until recently, untiring workers. Mr. Bates devoting his entire time to the tilling of the soil never having been engaged, to any extent, in any other business save that and the raising of good stock, and his financial standing at this time is the result of these great labors. As stated they own a tract of 885 acres of land near town upon which is situated an elegant farm home surrounded by all the improvements which they need. On the tract he has about 180 acres of land adaptable to the cultivation of alfalfa and now has about 50 acres of land in that fine feed. It was Mr. Bates who shipped the first car of his own-raised wheat out of the Panhandle and Plains country and he was also the first man to bring a steam thresher into this country. He devotes the greater portion of his land to the raising of

wheat and small grain and thinks they are a great success. To the News man he stated that he had raised large fields of wheat which would average 25 bushels to the acre; that oats were a success and that since he has been in the Panhandle and Randall county he has never seen a complete failure in crops. Milo maize and Kaffir corn is the principal crop raised for feeding purposes outside of alfalfa and they bring him good returns. Barley has been successfully grown with profitable results.

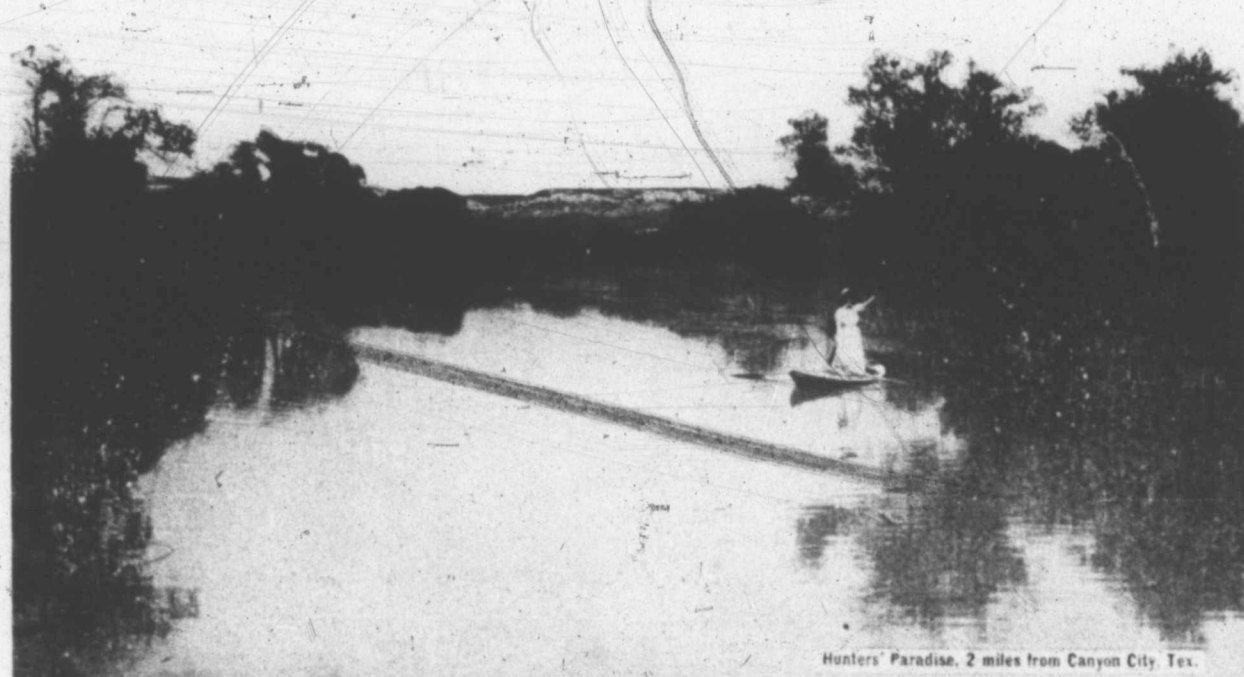
Of historical mention Mr. Bates comes of a stock which took a great lead in religious and political matters in the early days of the United States, and a recount of the early history of the family would be most interesting if space would permit. His grandfather, Reuban Bates was a noted contractor in an early day and it was he who built Monticello, the famous home of Thomas Jefferson, and the Virginia State house.



Dame Nature seems to have run wild in fantastic work in the Palo Duro canyon. Great immense boulders, many of them larger than the average dwelling house, lie where they had fallen years ago, surrounded by high walls and the stately trees. Cool springs, too, add much to the charm, while the mossy ferns invite you to rest and peace.

As the reader might infer from this article, both Mr. and Mrs. Bates are deeply religious, their influence having been such that several of their sons have devoted their time and thoughts to that of the ministry and those who have already taken up that work are successful.

Let the Panhandle Bakery furnish your bread and cakes.



Hunters' Paradise, 2 miles from Canyon City, Tex.

Attractive places abound along the Palo Duro, a peacefully flowing stream in which may be found beautiful pools of water abounding in fish of almost all kinds. The banks are lined with large trees and grassy slopes lead gently down from the bluffs above. This scene was photographed within the grounds of the Palo Duro club near this city and is one of the many pretty places in that noted resort.



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L. G. Conner, Founder of Canyon City, Dealer in Ranches, Farm Lands, City Property and Loans.

This volume would not be complete without a worthy tribute to our townsman, L. G. Conner, the founder of Canyon City and pioneer settler of Randall County. He is a native of Cooper County, Missouri, and a son of James F. Conner who owned and operated the first flouring mill in all that part of the country for a number of years. He is the youngest of the family, and came with his father, a married brother and sister (the only living members of the family) when they moved from Missouri to Crook County, Texas, in 1876.

those brave-hearted pioneers who, faced the dangers and privations of pioneer life in the new and untried regions of the western plains that posterity might reap the blessings of a modern civilization here in this great commonwealth. As the country settled up, life took on a brighter outlook and out of the trials and adversities have grown an industrious, hardy, intelligent and God fearing people. Like the Welsh fusileers, no difficulty daunts a true Texan, and like Juvenal's Greek, bid a hungry Texan mount to the sky and up

he goes.

On Christmas day A. D. 1887, Mr. Conner had surveyed and located section 34 on which Canyon City now stands, and on January 3rd, 1888, he placed the first building material on the ground. There were then but five actual settlers in the county including himself, and not many in the whole Panhandle country. And only five organized counties to his knowledge. School houses and churches were a rare thing indeed. Then a county was an ordinary sized ranch. Land was valued at 25 cents to \$3.00 per acre. The nearest railroad point were Clarendon and Canadian, Texas, each a distance of 60 and 110 miles respectively, until the Ft. Worth and Denver railroad was completed to Amarillo in the spring of 1888. Then the business of the country was confined to the cattle interest. Today we have many of the diversified interests, commercial, agricultural, transportation, religious, social and educational.

With keen foresight, Mr. Conner saw the great possibilities of this section and established himself here in the cattle business, where he found an abundance of fresh, pure water and rich pasture for his stock. During the spring of 1889 he laid out the town site of Canyon City, and on July 27th, 1889, Randall County was organized and Canyon City elected the county seat. And on August the 12th of the same year in honor of the organization of the said county and the election of the county seat, a general picnic, barbecue and lot drawing was held and attended by the ranchers, settlers and their families as well as investors from many miles around.

He was the first postmaster and kept the office in a dugout; then the only office in Randall county, the said postoffice having been established only a short time before the organization of the county. He built the first store building, established the first real estate office and built the hotel Victoria, which he named in honor of Mrs. Conner. It is still the leading hotel of the place. Mr. Conner has been closely

to invest will do well to consult him before they buy. He gives special attention to correct descriptions and values and you may rely upon them, whether you see the land or not. He can sell lands in tracts to suit purchaser.

It is due to such men as Mr. Conner that our city and county have made progress so rapidly. He adds every enterprise that has for its object the betterment of conditions and improvement. He does not hesitate to advise an investor to buy where values will surely double, and he practices what he preaches in this particular. He has not much patience with "knockers" and Texas has some of them, as every new country has. Some men are born pessimists and will always be that—and renters.

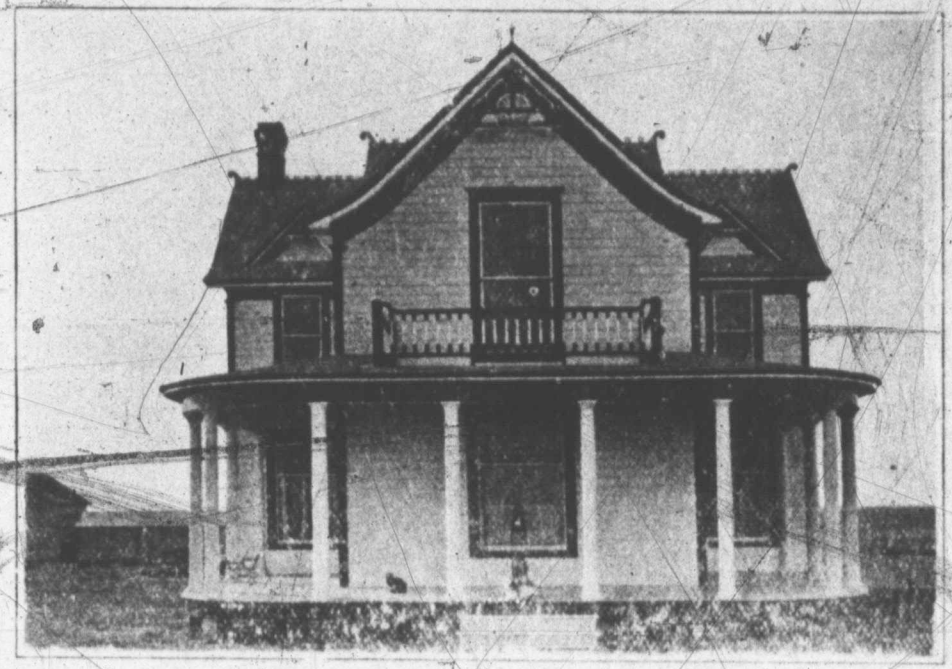
"Twixt optimist and pessimist
The difference is quite droll:
The optimist sees the doughnut,
The pessimist, the hole."

Mr. Conner's modern country home lies one-fourth mile east of the city limits, where he and his estimable family reside.

Mrs. Conner has favored us with some early reminiscences which are more nearly to the point than we could possibly relate them, for she has lived through it all and has pleasant retrospection that all of our readers will enjoy, and read with both pleasure and profit.

"I never felt more like running than when the editor asked me for a few reminiscent thoughts of our early Plains days. A native of South Carolina, brought up in a carefully guarded southern home, not growing to the height of five feet, two inches, weighing less than one hundred pounds and scarcely more than twenty years old, found me a dweller of the Plains.

To tell of pleasures and hopes, trials and fears of those days and years would fill a book. On one occasion we were lost for three days on the plains, but, as it was raining and the lakes were full of water, we suffered no inconvenience for water and managed to cook—as we had dry fuel in the wagon. On the lakes ducks raised their young and I remember so well the races I



The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conner is located just east of the present town section and is large and commodious.

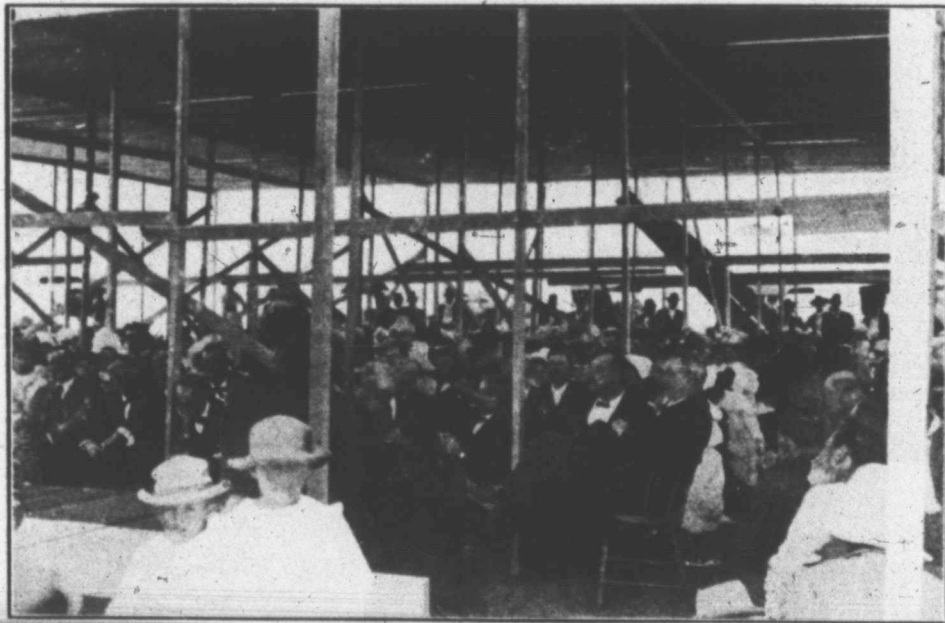
agination they were Indians. Almost instantly it would change to some dry bones, and a great city would rise in the air with castles and lovely buildings. Then again it would be a beautiful lake surrounded by tall trees until you would be lost in wonder and admiration.

"When I spent the nights alone the stars would seem to come out to cover the whole world like a benediction and nowhere have I seen stars so near, friendly and human as on the Plains and on those nights I always looked up and not down.

I must not forget to speak of the manly, generous and helpful plains cowboy. Our mail was brought from Clarendon to the

days by kindly deeds and cheer. "Now, Mr. Editor, this is just a bit of our real experiences and it seems to me that they can only be truly told around the fireside where three eager forms sit listening, occasionally and saying 'Mamma, I wish I had been there.'

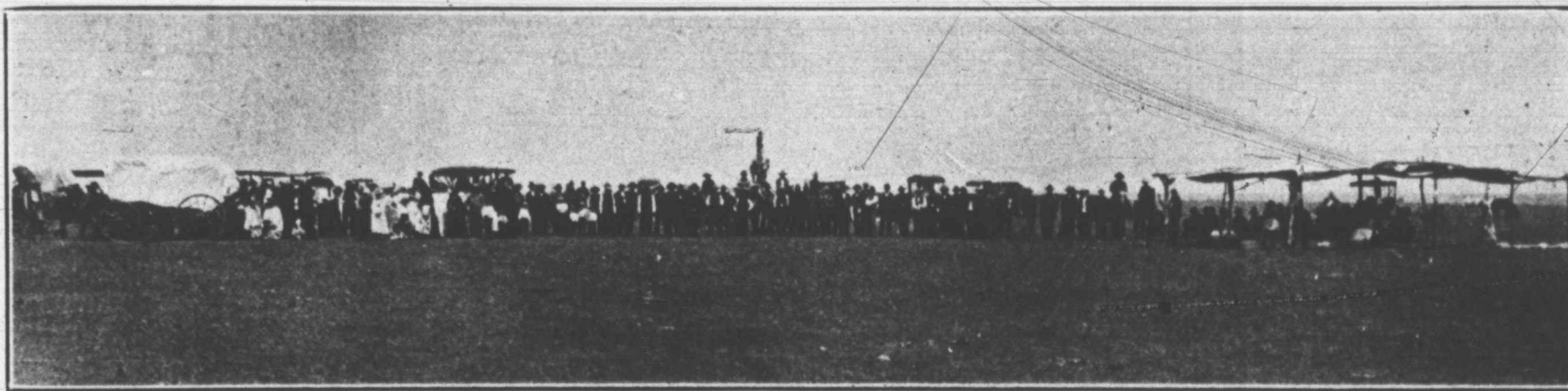
"Of course Mr. Editor it is a conceded fact that it is not wise to bring into print or discourse, too much about ones self unless, indeed, ample grounds exist to justify it and it is humbly and skillfully done and above all things not "overdone." Otherwise the title of egotist is certain to be acquired. An egotist you know has been defined to be one who talks about himself, so much that he does not give you any time to talk about yourself. So if you will allow it, I will men-



The above is a portion of the assembled crowd listening to the speakers on August 12, 1889, when Canyon City was formerly opened. A great many people from a distance were present on this occasion.

At the time Mr. Conner settled here, pioneering in this part of Texas was not free from hindrances. The first settlers were beset by hardships, bad laws and bad methods, but they came through them all safely and have reached an enduring prosperity.

But the epoch of pioneer life has passed. The events of the early settlements of the country were the most stirring and trying in its history. Those who lived through that period are not likely to forget the days of drouth and the winters of discontent, and it is but mete that we drop a word here in honor of



The above is a picture of the picnic and lot drawing at the time of the founding of Canyon City on August 12, 1889. Practically every man, woman and child in the county besides a large number from other places, were present that day to participate in the first big celebration in Randall county. At that time Mr. Conner's home, a "dugout," was the only residence on the town section, and a part of a building for Al. Hammond's blacksmith shop, was the total of Canyon City.



This street scene in Canyon City was taken in December, 1904, when Canyon City was the market place for the entire south Plains country. People came for supplies for a distance of a hundred or more miles from the south. The cotton shown on the wagons was grown upon the Plains. The wooden store buildings have now been replaced by large and beautiful brick business houses.

identified with the growth of Canyon City and Randall county since the organization. He is still the same unassuming, level-headed business man, of strict integrity and with the same abiding faith in the future of this great prairie country that he had from the beginning. His remaining in Randall county for twenty-two years, carries with it some weight as evidence of his confidence in the country. He places an investment as he sees opportunity, or will sell you a choice farm or tract of land and is never afraid to invest where the money is safer than in the bank, and with a constant rise in the value of real estate.

Owners of property who place it in Mr. Conner's hands may feel perfectly safe, that he will use every reasonable effort to render faithful service, whether for sale or rent. Those who wish

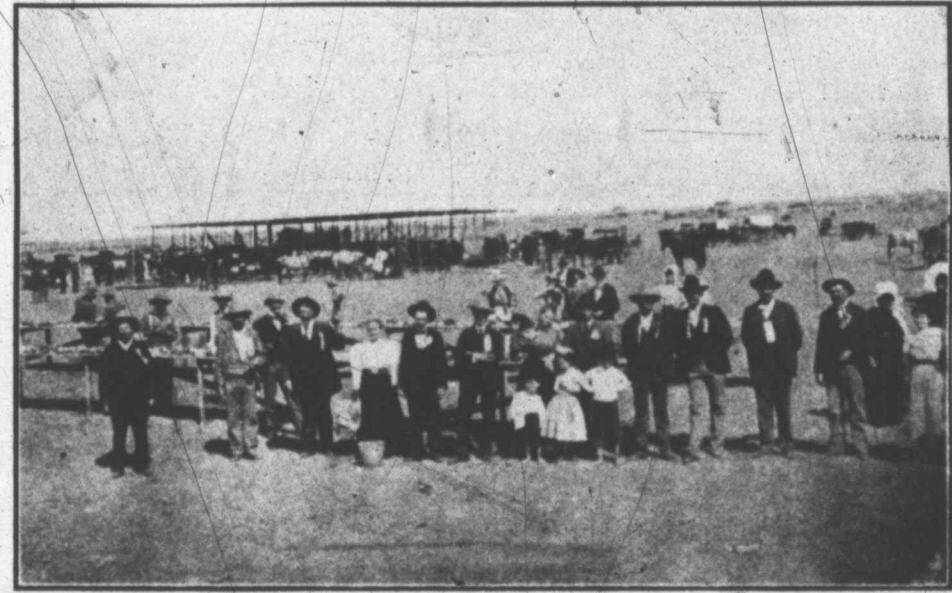
had after the cripple duck only to find that she was leading me from her young, but I was often rewarded by catching the little fellows and enjoying their cunning ways and seeing them swim and dive.

"We located our camp on North Tule in Swisher county and from there we traveled over the plains often being away three or four weeks at a time. It was not often I had the pleasure of seeing a woman but we had our cattle and the herds of antelope, droves of wild mustangs, and beautiful cranes feeding at the lakes. I had a lovely white crane for a pet. When it stood erect it was as tall as myself. On days that I would be alone the mirage would people the plains. If it happened to be a herd of antelope they would instantly turn to a band of horsemen going at a breakneck speed and to my im-

agination they were thought-ful kindness. From there it was delivered to us by one of their number known as a fence rider.

No postmaster could have been more careful and considerate of our interests. Often with our mail would be brought late magazines and books from the ranch adding much to our profit and pleasure. Many other kindnesses too numerous to mention were enjoyed at their hands, all of which are gratefully remembered.

"After locating our home on the present site of Canyon City, the hardships were not all behind us. However, the loneliness was not so great as there were four or five ladies in the county or were soon after we settled here, some of whom I must mention because of their especial kindness to me. Mrs. Al Hammond, Mrs. Ong, and Mrs. H. E. Siders. They truly did brighten the



This picture shows the speakers pavilion in the background and the tables provided for the convenience of the people at the time of the picnic and barbecue at the location of Canyon City on August 12, 1889.

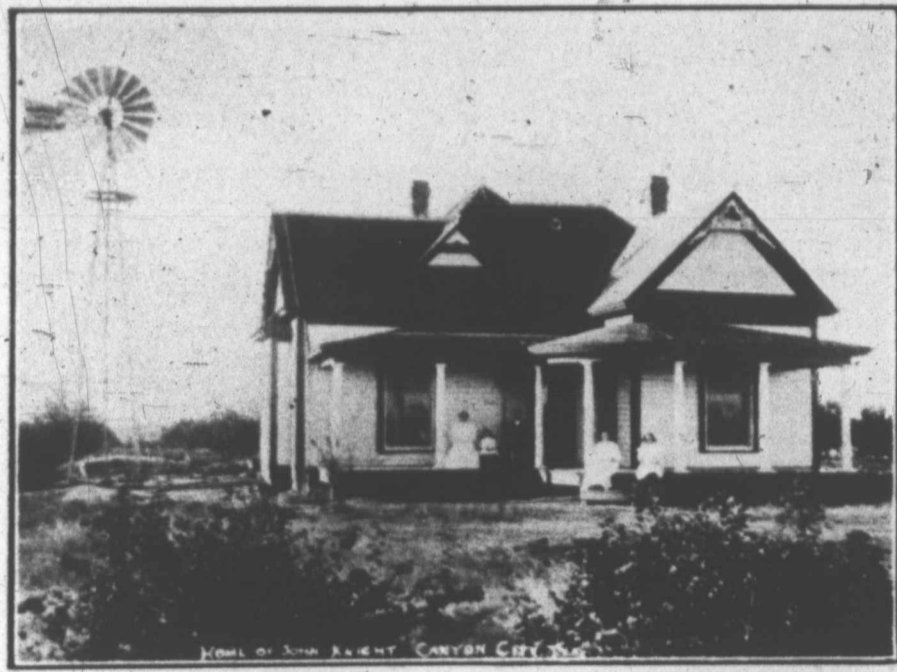
tion only one other incident in the early history of Randall county with which the writer was connected:

"This was editing the county paper during the campaign of 1892, J. B. Younger (my brother) editor and proprietor of the paper was absent at the time on business in another part of the state. It then fell to my lot with S. S. Bruce, as typesetter, to take charge until his (Younger's) return. However, all these things are laid aside now and when the plains baby comes home from an Eastern school for her vacation and say, 'Mamma, I am glad that we live on the plains,' why then, we feel repaid and satisfied.

MRS. L. G. CONNER.



Miss Mamie Conner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conner, founder of Canyon City, and was the first white child born in the county. Miss Conner is a very accomplished young lady and Canyon City has not a fairer representative of beauty than Miss Mamie.



John Knight.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rusk county, Texas, but his mother and most of his near relatives now live in Dallas. Mr. Knight came to Randall county in 1890, the only move he ever made. He purchased a small blacksmith shop which was then here and the following spring he moved his tools from Rusk county and built a shop on a lot donated by L. G. Conner who was the founder of the original townsite. His principal business at that time was shoeing horses for the T-Anchor ranch and the mules used in the stage line. He also made bridle bits and spurs from which he saved \$600. This bit and bridle money he invested in cattle as he could.

Among his first landed purchases was 100 acres which was then very cheap, half section be-

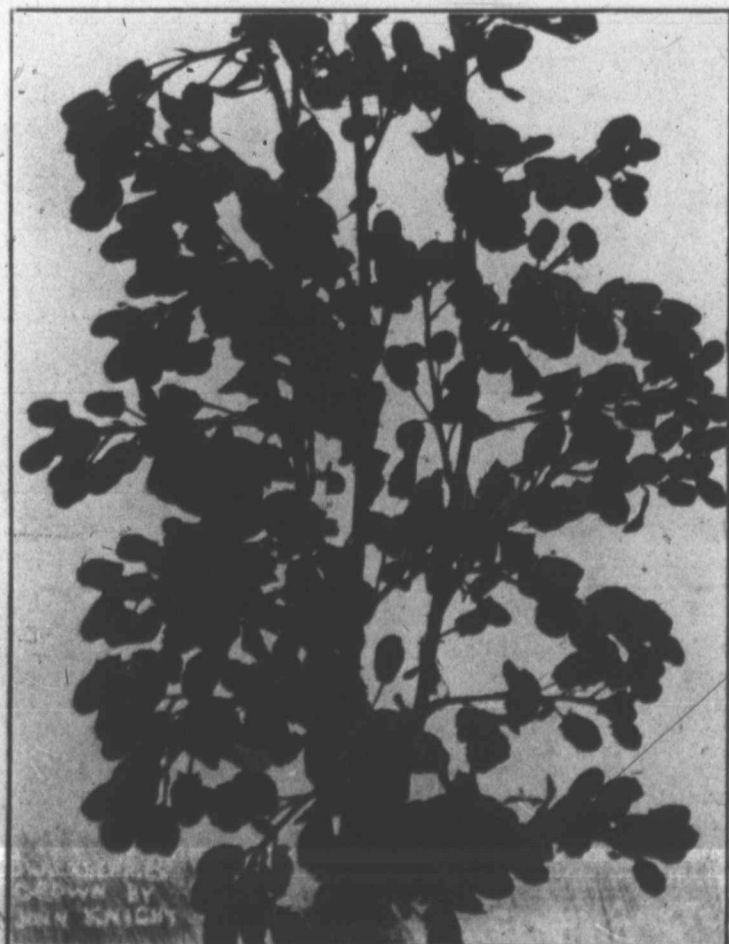


JOHN KNIGHT.

ing offered as low as \$150 for the 320 acres.

Mr. Knight was married in March 1891 to Miss Margaret Roberts. The ceremony was performed in the court house which was recently moved to make place for the new building and at the time of the wedding the court house was filled with people. It was a tribute to their popularity as well as being in celebration of the first wedding to occur in Canyon City.

Some trading was done in those early days. Mr. Knight traded two hand-made bridle bits and a pair of spurs to Jack Campbell for a block of ground in the Bomar Addition, valued then at \$10. He then sold the land to Mrs. Knight's sister, now Mrs. Heller, for \$10 cash. This block of



ground recently sold for \$1250 cash.

Mr. Knight is a believer in the results to be obtained from the cultivation of Randall county soil and has bought numerous tracts of land since he has been financially able to do so. He recently bought from W. F. Heller a tract of 172 acres for which he paid \$14,400, this tract being a portion of the land which Mr. Heller bought from the state at \$1.00 per acre. The price paid by Mr. Knight may seem rather high to the uninformed, but when the productive value of the land and that it lies in a valley, sub-irrigated, and that it brings \$40 to \$65 per acre in alfalfa, the price is indeed low.

Mr. Knight's home place consists of 20 acres within the city limits upon which he has a nice home as is shown in another column in this paper. There are also shown herein illustrations of fruits and vegetables grown by him on his home tract without irrigation from pump or stream. He has two half sections of land about two miles from town which he values at from \$40 to \$50 per acre. These farms he rents out.

Mr. Knight came here among the first and has never had a desire to leave here. He is here to stay and to welcome all who come this way. He is a living example of what may be done here. He believes that as great opportunities are presented here now as ever, or even better for the reason that the country has passed the experimental stage.

I. W. McClure.

The subject of this sketch, I. W. McClure, came to Randall county eight years ago to engage in the stock business on a small scale. He stuck to it three years and did fairly well but he then turned his attention to farming. He succeeded in raising everything that he planted and found that the wheat, oats, corn, barley, kafir, milo maize and millet grow as well here as any in place he ever saw, conditions being the same. He has grown 27 bushels of wheat to the acre and 56 bushels of Indian corn.

Mr. McClure is now the proud possessor of 2200 acres of this land besides a good home in Canyon City, and he believes that this country is destined to be the garden spot of the world.

Northwest Texas Land Company.

This company was organized by the well known citizens, John Rowan, Sr., G. S. Ballard, J. W. Robinson and John Rowan, Jr. This is a strong firm of some of our most reliable citizens. They have been eighteen years in the Panhandle and have done stock-farming and they authorize us to say that they have lands to suit all buyers, some of which is the very best in the West and they will sell in quantities from ten acres to the largest ranch. They have all arrangements made for excursion rates and if you come to Canyon City they invite you to make their office your headquarters, use their phone, their chairs, their stationery and their automobiles.

They have bought lands for themselves and have watched the progress in the country as well

lands here, and, although lands here are cheaper in price, he is like many others—he would not change back, acre for acre. It will not be long at the present rate of progress, until our soil will be farmed, or planted in tame grasses and then it will sell for as much or more. You can get land here just as good and you have the fine climate and healthful conditions thrown in.

John Rowan, Jr., is a hustler and his growth is identical with the growth of Randall county combined with his ability to see and take advantage of opportunities. If he is plowing he works at it, if at play, then that is his first consideration; he does that which he has to do with a vim that brings success without fail and he is successful.

This firm invites correspondence with those who would like



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as the prices and they can help you to do the same. If you are looking for the best investments in the best section of the West, write them or come and see them at once.

There has been more progress made here in the last three years than in any other section of the United States—and it has just begun. Would you buy \$20 gold pieces for \$10? Would you make an investment equally as sure if you were given the opportunity? Let us figure a little. G. S. Ballard of this firm came here in 1906. He bought 200 acres near town for \$35 per acre which he sold for \$75 per acre. He then bought 130 acres in another location for \$30 per acre and has been offered \$70 per acre. He owns three other tracts of 320 acres each which he rents. In

to investigate Randall county and the Panhandle and should the interested one come down this firm will give them every possible attention.

Harrison, McAfee & Co.

Possibly there was never a firm of young men who have made such a success as the firm of Harrison, McAfee & Co., of this city. Claude N. Harrison and Charles R. McAfee are the active members of the firm and when we say they are active it speaks the exact facts in the case. Both of these young men have been actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business for a number of years and thoroughly understand everything connected with that business. They have made an extraordinary close study of the conditions of the



MELONS GROWN BY JOHN KNIGHT CANYON CITY

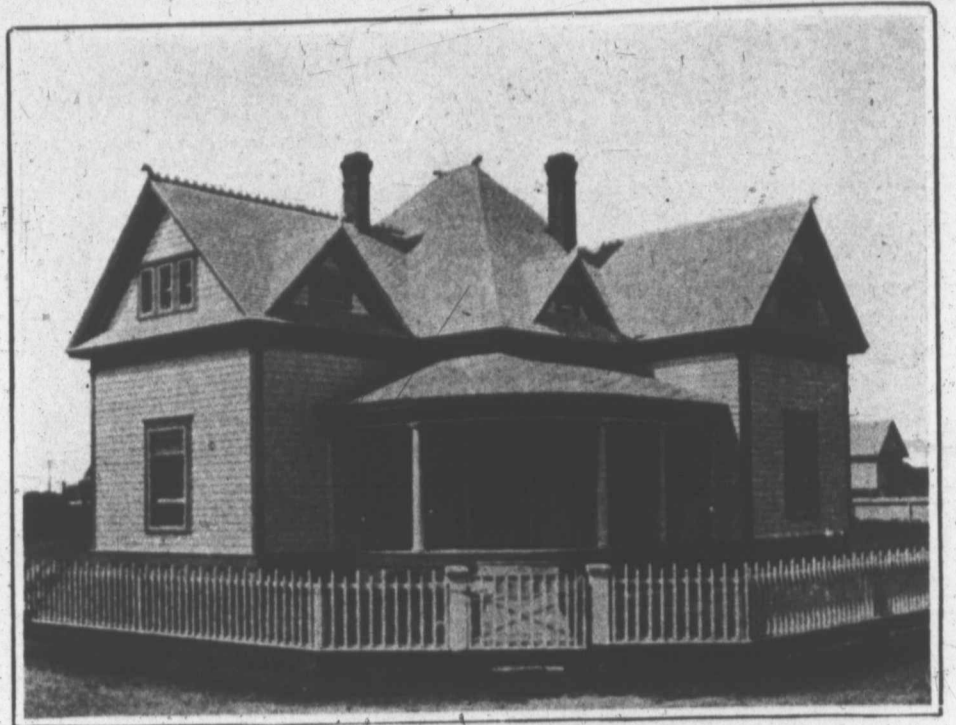
another column we show his fine home in this city. He started in the West with only \$400 in cash.

John Rowan, Sr., came from New York state to Johnson county in 1868 and moved to Wise county in 1871. In 1892 he acquired two sections of land in this county for a stock ranch and operated his ranch on four sections, two of which he leased. About five years ago he moved to town to retire from the ranching business, selling his improved section and retaining the remainder of the land. He now owns land in other counties which adjoin Randall. Last year he built an elegant residence in this city, a picture of which appears in this paper, and it is one of our most beautiful modern homes. He has spent an active western life and is now satisfied to enjoy his income and help others to convert their cattle ranches into farms.

J. W. Robinson came here from Missouri a few years ago and transferred his property there in order that he might secure

Plains country during their business careers and are therefore closely in touch with the rapid development of Randall county. They have brought many men here from northern states who have become happy farmers in this prosperous county. They have closed many large deals, having recently sold to a syndicate of Illinois capitalists one of the largest tracts of land sold in the Panhandle since the days of the large ranch.

Their treatment of their clientele is such that they inspire the confidence which they deserve and their purchasers become immediately the recommending friends of the firm. They know what it takes to make a successful farmer in the Panhandle and cater to that class of farmers alone who will make a success should they locate here. They do not desire to locate those among us who do not feel that they are capable of working the land as it should be worked or those who would make an undesirable citizenship. They have the future of Randall county at



THE HOME OF J. FRANK SMITH.

heart as well as their own financial gain. They have made a success from their business and the business being a success they have therefore made money from it but in making the money they have not in the least sacrificed their plan of fairness to seller and buyer alike.

The firm enjoys the confidence of all citizens of this county and above all the confidence of those with whom they have their dealings.

In the insurance department they represent, as they state in their advertising, "Only Million Dollar Companies" and they exercise great care in looking after this business, seeing that proper renewals are made at the expiration of policies and that all policies are placed with justice to the policy holder as well as the companies which they represent.

Messrs. Harrison and McAfee are also the chief stockholders in the Randall County Abstract Company which is a corporation whose business it is to look after the making of abstracts of title to property in Randall county. Mr. Harrison gives his personal attention to this department and makes a success of it. The company is now installing a new system of abstracting the records and when the records have all been again abstracted for the company they will have a most complete double record of all conveyances recorded.

M. S. Park, County Commissioner.

In January, 1844, there was born in Washington county, Texas, a boy who was destined to become a man who was to take a material part in the future of the Panhandle and of Randall county particularly. This boy became the man who stands as high in Randall county as any man could stand, M. S. Park, now one of the county commissioners.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Park was attending the Bastrop Military Institute and he immediately went to the defense of the principles which the Southland so dearly loved, serving the entire war in Waul's Texas Legion. He was twice wounded during the siege of Vicksburg.

At the close of the war he returned to his home in Galveston and embarked in business. In 1870 he married. For ten years he was in the mercantile busi-

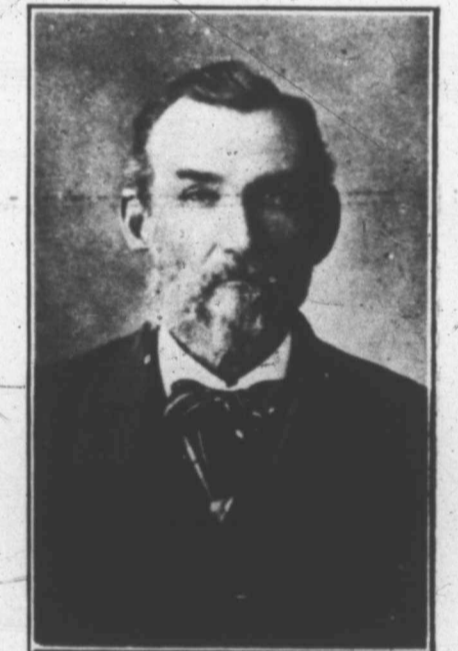
ness at Davilla in Milam county, where his health failed him and he decided to give up the business life and try to regain his health.

Speaking of his reasons for moving to the Panhandle and to Randall county, Mr. Park said to the News man:

"I was attracted to the Panhandle because of its wonderful climate. After investigating I bought land in Randall county and moved to my new home sixteen years ago and I have never had cause to regret the move and on the contrary I look back upon it as the very best move I ever made."

Having regained his health and made a success of ranch life, he now takes a more active interest in the affairs of the state and county.

Mr. Park has four sons and



M. S. PARK.

one daughter, each of whom are well established in life, David A. Park, cashier of the First National Bank of this city being one of his sons.

His services as county commissioner are almost coincident with his residence in Randall county, as, soon after his coming, he was appointed by Judge Cyrus Eakman to fill out the unexpired term of one Mr. Hatchell, who was leaving the country, since which time Mr. Park has served the county conscientiously for many years. He points with pride to the magnificent court house now nearing completion as he was one of the prime movers for that great improvement, and he feels that, with its completion, he should be allowed to retire from public life and spend his days at home in ease and comfort which he has so justly earned.



PEACHES GROWN BY JOHN KNIGHT CANYON CITY, TEX.



BARN YARD SCENE, HOME OF W. H. YOUNGER, CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

W. H. Younger.

The entire Plains country and Randall county in particular is filled with deserving men, men who have fought the battle of adversity as well as those of prosperity and have come out of the strife developed into that high class of citizenship which builds empires from small kingdoms.

Men, who, by their own efforts accomplish the highest development of spiritual welfare as well as things temporal, are those who hold the confidence of the people. One of these kind of men is W. H. Younger of this city.

Mrs. Younger is a type of gentle womanhood who leads those with whom she is associated to see the better side of life and helps to lighten the burdens which beset people along the way.

W. H. Younger was born in Spartanburg County, S. C., May 20, 1859.

The first ten years of his life

In 1881, before the Denver R. R. pierced the country, he had come as far west as Hall County on horseback. In 1889, during his vacation from Louisville, he visited relatives in Canyon City and in 1891 on his return from Oregon he again felt a strong desire to look over this wonderfully attractive country.

Opportunities were offered elsewhere but the strong fascination of the West triumphed and with nothing except widely scattered ranch houses and a few people at the county seats, he settled near Canyon City, Randall County, and began his work as missionary pastor.

The first twenty-two months showed that he had travelled he had traveled 7,500 miles and had received for his work on an average \$9.00 per month.

His equipment required two good horses and a buggy.

On October 18, 1894, he was married at Whitesboro, Texas, to Miss Lulu Belsher, of that place, who at once entered into the work fully and heartily with her husband, and has much of the time been his constant com-

rounding country, extending toward the Texas Pacific, some 200 miles south and far into New Mexico, trailed their long freight wagons slowly through winter and summer, snow and heat, and the Missionaries followed their trail with Bibles, tracts and religious books also sermons around the campfires, in their dug-outs, and along the highway, sowing the seed everywhere.

The Association, Palo Duro Canyon, of which he was Moderator for some years, comprised 21 counties. It will throw light on the situation to recall that in one instance he was the only preacher present till later in the session when one other, not in regular work, came in.

The financial stress to keep the work going was several times so sharp as to render it needful to mortgage his horses and buggy, or his private home, and once he sold his residence to pay off the indebtedness on a church build-

Eternity will be richer, sweeter, and fuller from these; and the privations are forgotten, nay, gloried in, because of these sweet, delicate flavors from many sources. The rich wild fruits from the canons, the game from both prairie and canons, and the glorious freedom on the boundless prairie, with its Nile-like richness and fertility, pushing forth its rich grasses, gladdening the eye with the wonderful landscape, fascinating with sunrise and sunset on the loveliest handiwork of Him who fashioned all things for His glory, and above all the steady progress made in the work. Through all the years the vision of the Plains has maintained its hold.

But to return, the Missionary did not wait to come on the cowcatcher, but like the Missionary of long ago, passed on ahead riding if possible; walking if necessary.

The first church in the country

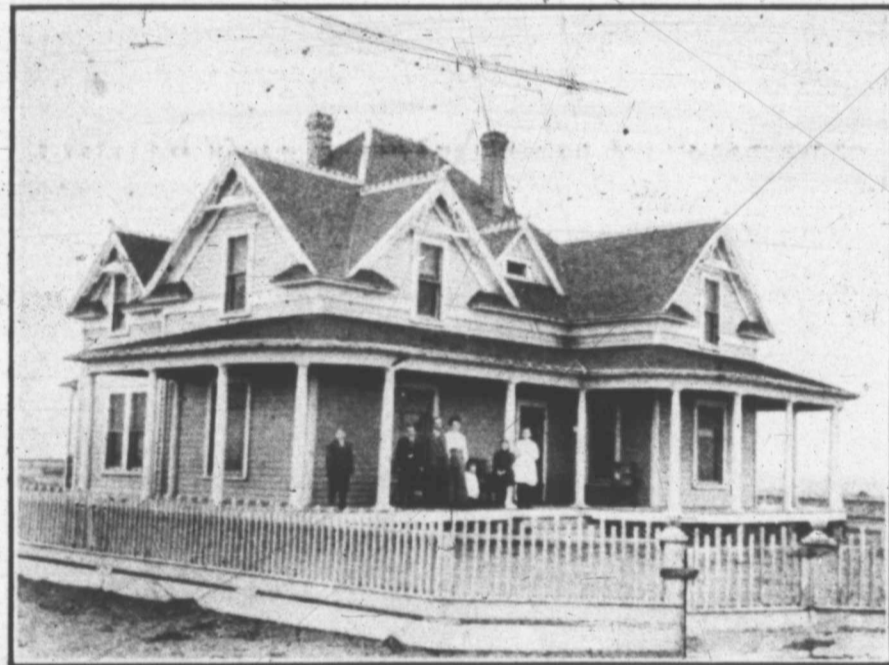


ing. The early conditions often led to camping out, summer and winter, sometimes with snow on the ground, keeping fires all night long; missing the way in storms, facing blizzards and snow storms and driving most of the night; crossing the breaks and canons, leading the team for the safety of his wife and children for five miles or more across the dangerous places in the dark; fording the swollen streams or crossing on the ice and snow-drifts.

was built under his ministry and stands today as a place of worship for those who have followed the first church of any denomination built in Randall County, viz: The Baptist church of Canyon City.

Quickly modern improvements and conveniences have come, but with it, alas! much that is undesirable. But these problems will be solved by conscientious Godly men to God's glory, and human comfort, freedom and safety.

During this time he kept in



G. S. BALLARD'S SUBURBAN HOME.

were spent near his birthplace. This was between the Paeoete Rivers three miles above where they flowed together, not far from North Carolina line.

These clear flowing streams, beautiful woodlands, and blue mountains 20 miles away, are vividly recalled.

His father moved to Grayson County, Texas, where the family grew to maturity.

He attended the public schools of the county, the High school at Collinsville, Add-Ran College and the State University. Later, he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where in 1890 he completed the course for the title of T. G. (Theological Graduates.)

Leaving Louisville in 1891 he visited California and Oregon, going as far north as Portland.

He was preparing to enter a pastorate in Eugene, Or., the seat of the state University, but certain conditions led him to return to Texas.

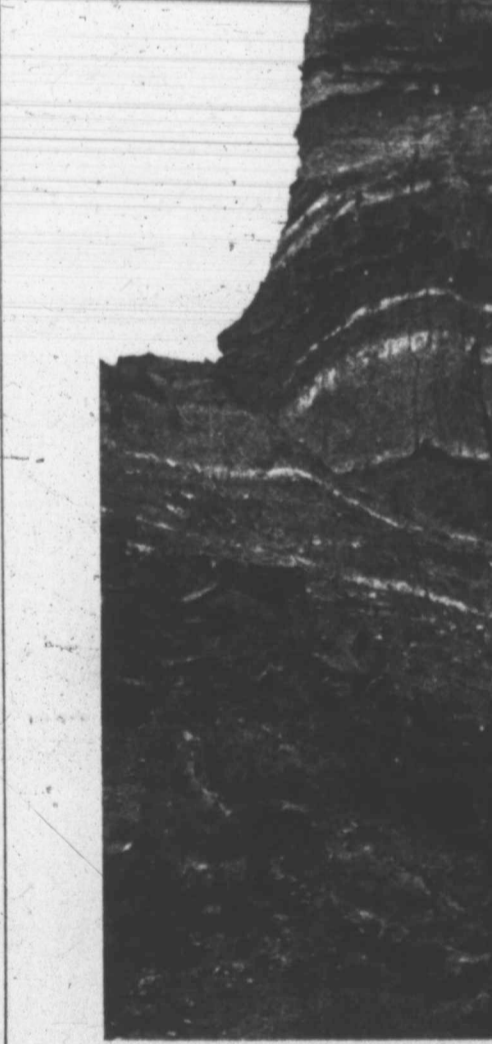
panion in his travels over the widely scattered territory.

During this time and the years that have followed he has distributed many thousand tracts, books, bibles, etc. In several instances he remembers having placed as many as seven leather back Bibles in one family.

The intervening country between the county seats began to settle but preachers were few of any denomination. He has gone six months without meeting a preacher of any denomination.

All material had to be shipped into the country and the country itself had to be proven and great anxiety was felt as the scattered population struggled to build school houses, church houses and at the same time anchor themselves in their homes. Many of course would become discouraged and give it up, other burdens coming to them besides those entailed by the conditions incident to a new country.

"Freighters" from the sur-

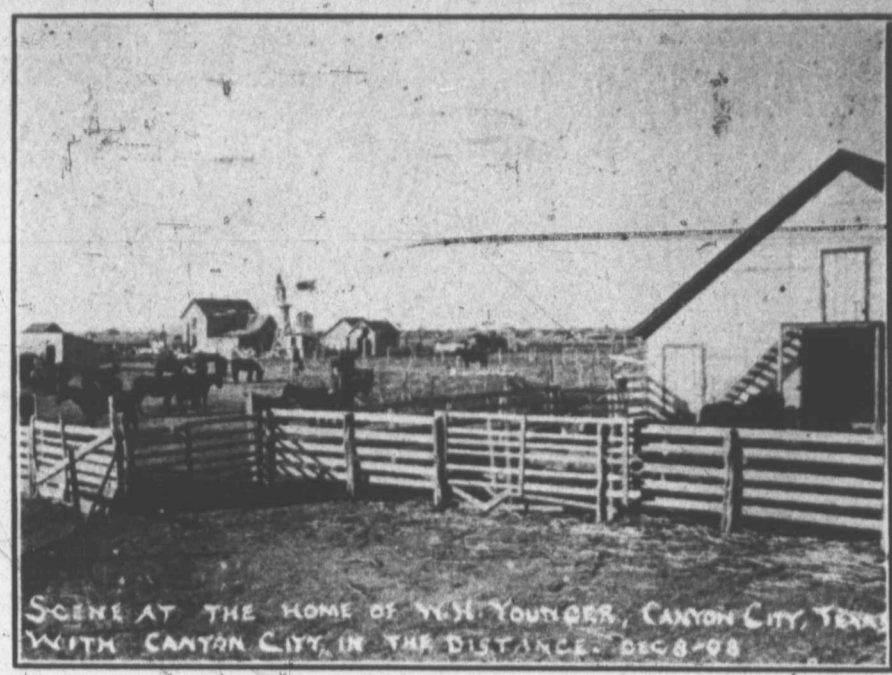


A MONSTER IN THE PALO DURO CANYON.

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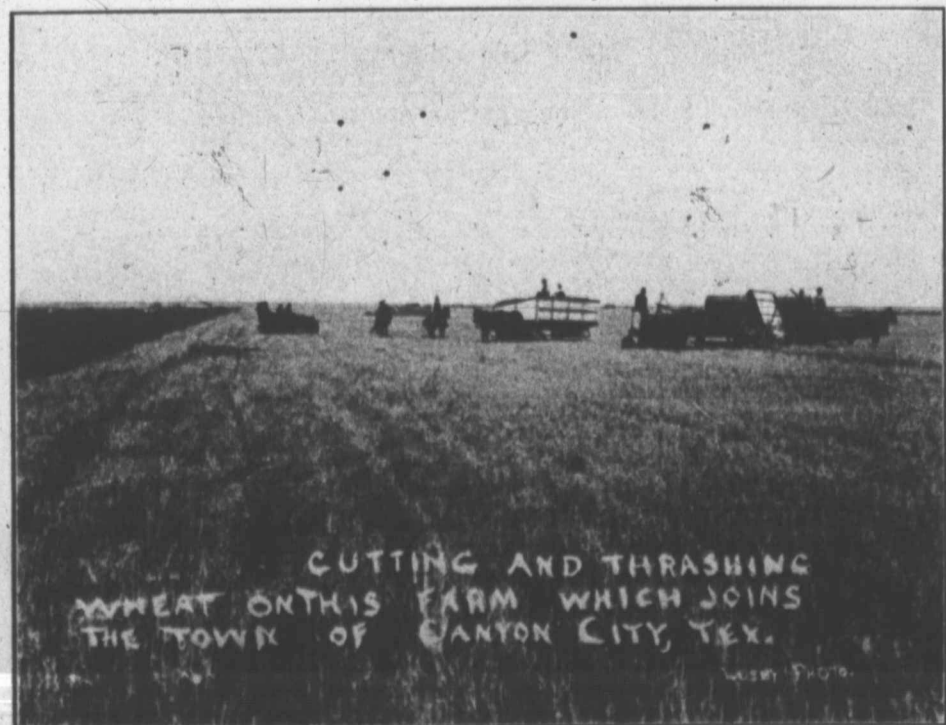
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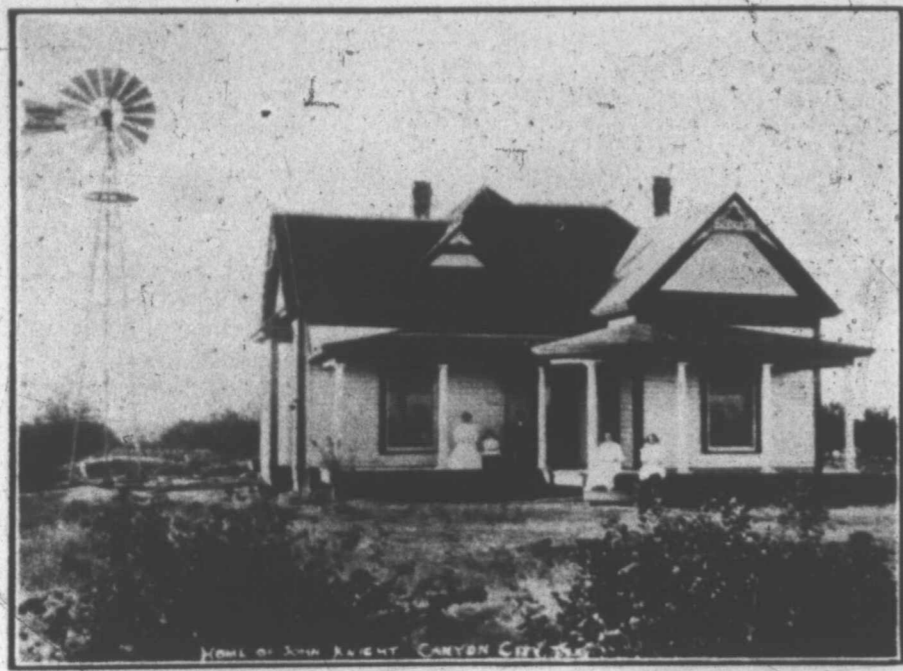
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John Knight.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rusk county, Texas, but his mother and most of his near relatives now live in Dallas. Mr. Knight came to Randall county in 1890, the only move he ever made. He purchased a small blacksmith shop which was then here and the following spring he moved his tools from Rusk county and built a shop on a lot donated by L. G. Conner who was the founder of the original town-site. His principal business at that time was shoeing horses for the T-Anchor ranch and the mules used in the stage line. He also made bridle bits and spurs from which he saved \$600. This bit and bridle money he invested in cattle as he could.

Among his first landed purchases was 100 acres which was then very cheap, half section be-

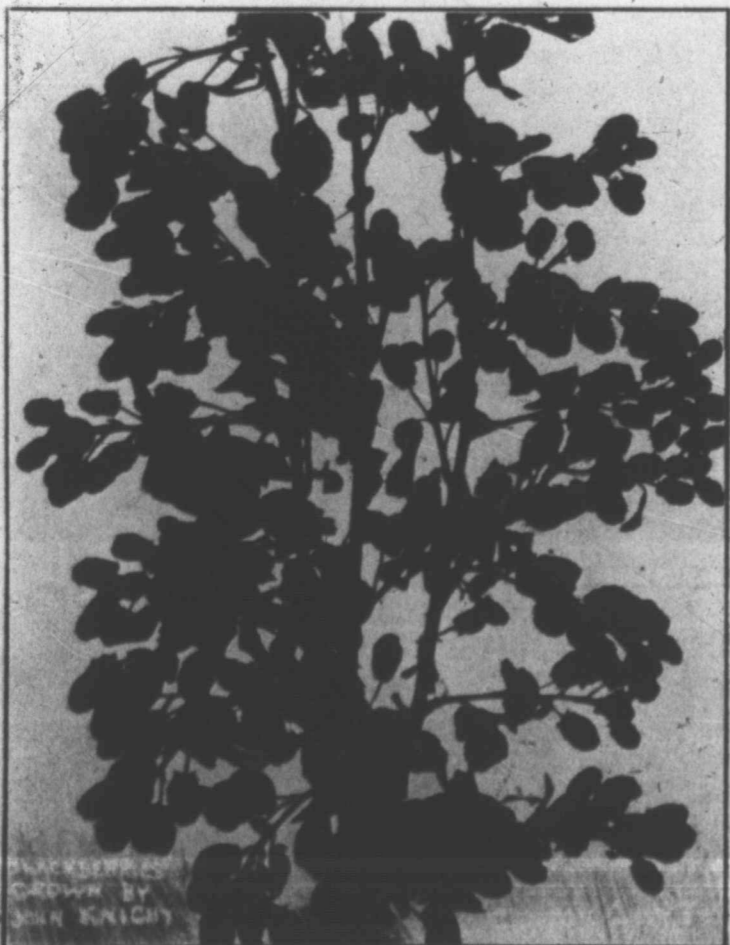


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ing offered as low as \$150 for the 320 acres.

Mr. Knight was married in March 1891 to Miss Margaret Roberts. The ceremony was performed in the court house which was recently moved to make place for the new building and at the time of the wedding the court house was filled with people. It was a tribute to their popularity as well as being in celebration of the first wedding to occur in Canyon City.

Some trading was done in those early days. Mr. Knight traded two shop-made bridle bits and a pair of spurs to Jack Campbell for a block of ground in the Bomar Addition valued then at \$10. He then sold the land to Mrs. Knight's sister, now Mrs. Heller, for \$10 cash. This block of



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ground recently sold for \$1250 cash.

Mr. Knight is a believer in the results to be obtained from the cultivation of Randall county soil and has bought numerous tracts of land since he has been financially able to do so. He recently bought from W. F. Heller a tract of 172 acres for which he paid \$14,400, this tract being a portion of the land which Mr. Heller bought from the state at \$1.00 per acre. The price paid by Mr. Knight may seem rather high to the uninformed, but when the productive value of the land and that it lies in a valley, sub-irrigated, and that it brings \$40 to \$65 per acre in alfalfa, the price is indeed low.

Mr. Knight's home place consists of 20 acres within the city limits upon which he has a nice home as is shown in another column in this paper. There are also shown herein illustrations of fruits and vegetables grown by him on his home tract without irrigation from pump or stream. He has two half sections of land about two miles from town which he values at from \$40 to \$50 per acre. These farms he rents out.

Mr. Knight came here among the first and has never had a desire to leave here. He is here to stay and to welcome all who come this way. He is a living example of what may be done here. He believes that as great opportunities are presented here now as ever, or even better for the reason that the country has passed the experimental stage.

I. W. McClure.

The subject of this sketch, I. W. McClure, came to Randall county eight years ago to engage in the stock business on a small scale. He stuck to it three years and did fairly well but he then turned his attention to farming. He succeeded in raising everything that he planted and found that the wheat, oats, corn, barley, kaffir, milo maize and millet grow as well here as any in place he ever saw, conditions being the same. He has grown 27 bushels of wheat to the acre and 56 bushels of Indian corn.

Mr. McClure is now the proud possessor of 2230 acres of this land besides a good home in Canyon City, and he believes that this country is destined to be the garden spot of the world.

Northwest Texas Land Company.

This company was organized by the well known citizens, John Rowan, Sr., G. S. Ballard, J. W. Robinson and John Rowan, Jr. This is a strong firm of some of our most reliable citizens. They have been eighteen years in the Panhandle and have done stock-farming and they authorize us to say that they have lands to suit all buyers, some of which is the very best in the West and they will sell in quantities from ten acres to the largest ranch. They have all arrangements made for excursion rates and if you come to Canyon City they invite you to make their office your headquarters, use their phone, their chairs, their stationery and their automobiles.

They have bought lands for themselves and have watched the progress in the country as well

lands here, and, although lands here are cheaper in price, he is like many others—he would not change back, acre for acre. It will not be long at the present rate of progress, until our soil will be farmed, or planted in tame grasses and then it will sell for as much or more. You can get land here just as good and you have the fine climate and healthful conditions thrown in.

John Rowan, Jr., is a hustler and his growth is identical with the growth of Randall county combined with his ability to see and take advantage of opportunities. If he is plowing he works at it, if at play, then that is his first consideration; he does that which he has to do with a vim that brings success without fail and he is successful.

This firm invites correspondence with those who would like



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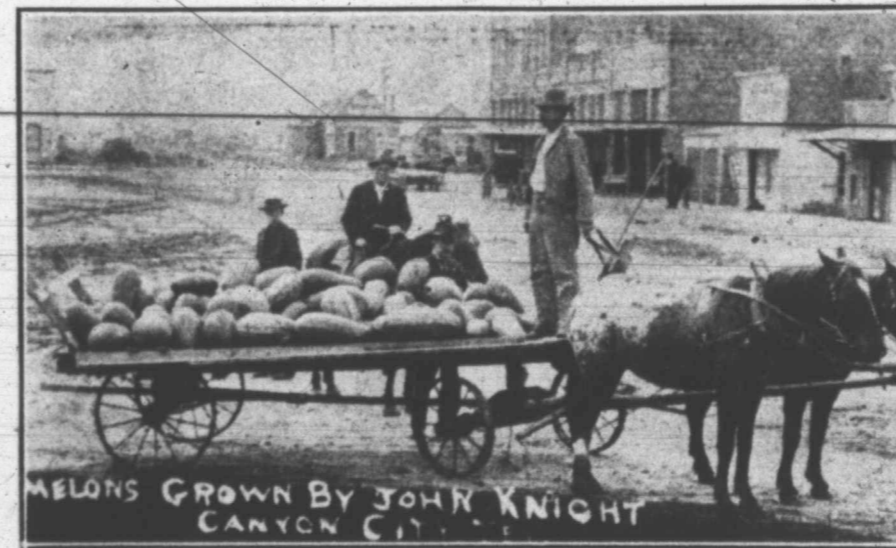
as the prices and they can help you to do the same. If you are looking for the best investments in the best section of the West, write them or come and see them at once.

There has been more progress made here in the last three years than in any other section of the United States—and it has just begun. Would you buy \$20 gold pieces for \$10? Would you make an investment equally as sure if you were given the opportunity? Let us figure a little. G. S. Ballard of this firm came here in 1906. He bought 200 acres near town for \$35 per acre which he sold for \$75 per acre. He then bought 130 acres in another location for \$30 per acre and has been offered \$70 per acre. He owns three other tracts of 320 acres each which he rents. In

to investigate Randall county and the Panhandle and should the interested one come down this firm will give them every possible attention.

Harrison, McAfee & Co.

Possibly there was never a firm of young men who have made such a success as the firm of Harrison, McAfee & Co., of this city. Claude N. Harrison and Charles R. McAfee are the active members of the firm and when we say they are active it speaks the exact facts in the case. Both of these young men have been actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business for a number of years and thoroughly understand everything connected with that business. They have made an extraordinary close study of the conditions of the



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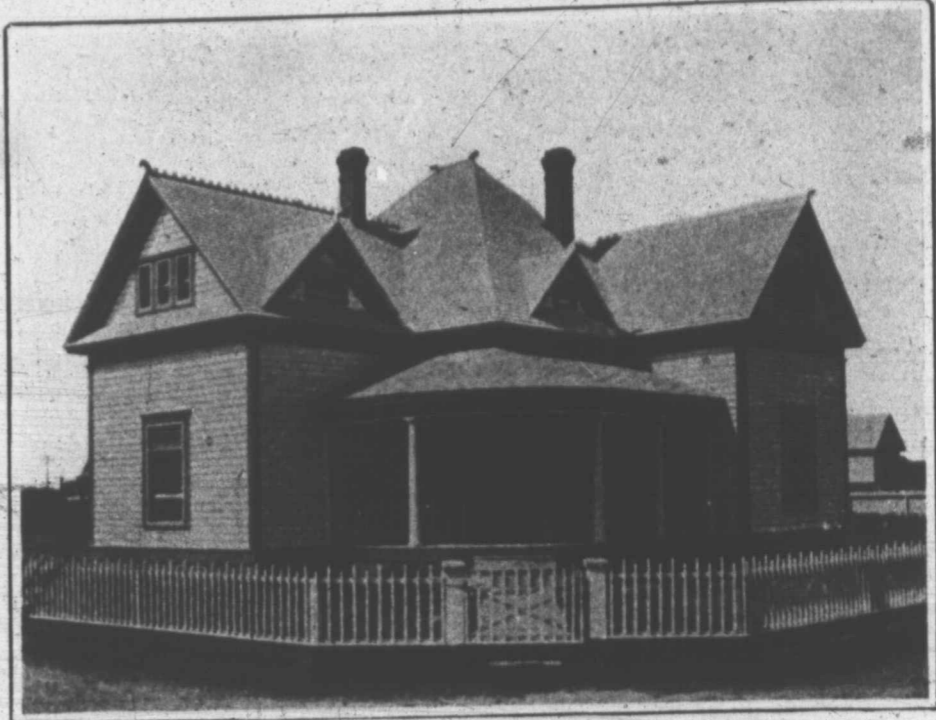
another column we show his fine home in this city. He started in the West with only \$400 in cash.

John Rowan, Sr., came from New York state to Johnson county in 1868 and moved to Wise county in 1871. In 1892 he acquired two sections of land in this county for a stock ranch and operated his ranch on four sections, two of which he leased. About five years ago he moved to town to retire from the ranching business, selling his improved section and retaining the remainder of the land. He now owns land in other counties which adjoin Randall. Last year he built an elegant residence in this city, a picture of which appears in this paper, and it is one of our most beautiful modern homes. He has spent an active western life and is now satisfied to enjoy his income and help others to convert their cattle ranches into farms.

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Plains country during their business careers and are therefore closely in touch with the rapid development of Randall county. They have brought many men here from northern states who have become happy farmers in this prosperous county. They have closed many large deals, having recently sold to a syndicate of Illinois capitalists one of the largest tracts of land sold in the Panhandle since the days of the large ranch.

Their treatment of their clientele is such that they inspire the confidence which they deserve and their purchasers become immediately the recommending friends of the firm. They know what it takes to make a successful farmer in the Panhandle and cater to that class of farmers alone who will make a success should they locate here. They do not desire to locate those among us who do not feel that they are capable of working the land as it should be worked or those who would make an undesirable citizenship. They have the future of Randall county at



THE HOME OF J. FRANK SMITH.

heart as well as their own financial gain. They have made a success from their business and the business being a success they have therefore made money from it but in making the money they have not in the least sacrificed their plan of fairness to seller and buyer alike.

The firm enjoys the confidence of all citizens of this county and above all the confidence of those with whom they have their dealings.

In the insurance department they represent, as they state in their advertising, "Only Million Dollar Companies" and they exercise great care in looking after this business, seeing that proper renewals are made at the expiration of policies and that all policies are placed with justice to the policy holder as well as the companies which they represent.

Messrs. Harrison and McAfee are also the chief stockholders in the Randall County Abstract Company which is a corporation, whose business it is to look after the making of abstracts of title to property in Randall county. Mr. Harrison gives his personal attention to this department and makes a success of it. The company is now installing a new system of abstracting the records and when the records have all been again abstracted for the company they will have a most complete double record of all conveyances recorded.

M. S. Park, County Commissioner.

In January, 1844, there was born in Washington county, Texas, a boy who was destined to become a man who was to take a material part in the future of the Panhandle and of Randall county particularly. This boy became the man who stands as high in Randall county as any man could stand, M. S. Park, now one of the county commissioners.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Park was attending the Bastrop Military Institute and he immediately went to the defense of the principles which the Southland so dearly loved, serving the entire war in Waul's Texas Legion. He was twice wounded during the siege of Vicksburg.

At the close of the war he returned to his home in Galveston and embarked in business. In 1870 he married. For ten years he was in the mercantile busi-

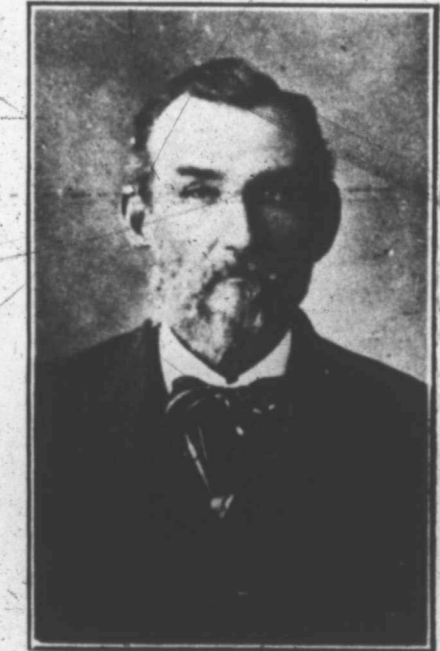
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Speaking of his reasons for moving to the Panhandle and to Randall county, Mr. Park said to the News man:

"I was attracted to the Panhandle because of its wonderful climate. After investigating I bought land in Randall county and moved to my new home sixteen years ago and I have never had cause to regret the move and on the contrary I look back upon it as the very best move I ever made."

Having regained his health and made a success of ranch life, he now takes a more active interest in the affairs of the state and county.

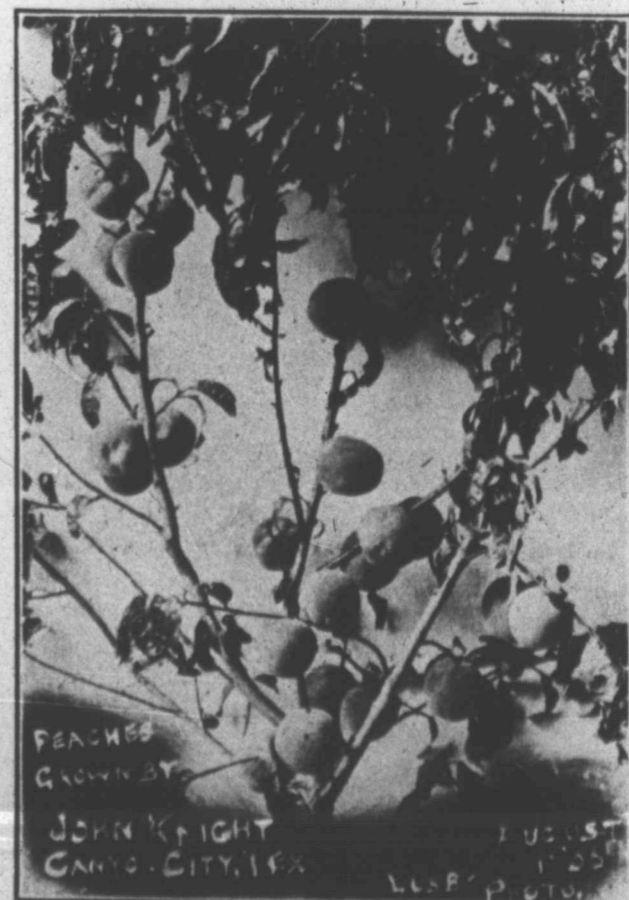
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one daughter, each of whom are well established in life, David A. Park, cashier of the First National Bank of this city being one of his sons.

His services as county commissioner are almost coincident with his residence in Randall county, as soon after his coming, he was appointed by Judge Cyrus Eakman to fill out the unexpired term of one Mr. Hatchell, who was leaving the county, since which time Mr. Park has served the county conscientiously for many years. He points with pride to the magnificent court house now nearing completion as he was one of the prime movers for that great improvement, and he feels that, with its completion, he should be allowed to retire from public life and spend his days at home in ease and comfort which he has so justly earned.



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BARN YARD SCENE, HOME OF W. H. YOUNGER, CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

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Mrs. Younger is a type of gentle womanhood who leads those with whom she is associated to see the better side of life and helps to lighten the burdens which beset people along the way.

W. H. Younger was born in Spartanburg County, S. C., May 20, 1859.

The first ten years of his life

In 1881, before the Denver R. R. pierced the country, he had come as far west as Hall County on horseback. In 1889, during his vacation from Louisville, he visited relatives in Canyon City and in 1891 on his return from Oregon he again felt a strong desire to look over this wonderfully attractive country.

Opportunities were offered elsewhere but the strong fascination of the West triumphed and with nothing except widely-scattered ranch houses and a few people at the county seats, he settled near Canyon City, Randall County, and began his work as missionary pastor.

The first twenty-two months showed that he had travelled he had traveled 7,500 miles and had received for his work on an average \$9.00 per month.

His equipment required two good horses and a buggy.

On October 18, 1894, he was married at Whitesboro, Texas, to Miss Lulu Belsher, of that place, who at once entered into the work fully and heartily with her husband, and has much of the time been his constant com-

rounding country, extending toward the Texas Pacific, some 200 miles south, and far into New Mexico, trailed their long freight wagons slowly through winter and summer, snow and heat, and the Missionaries followed their trail with Bibles, tracts and religious books also sermons around the campfires, in their dug-outs, and along the highway, sowing the seed everywhere.

The Association, Palo Duro Canyon, of which he was Moderator for some years, comprised 21 counties. It will throw light on the situation to recall that in one instance he was the only preacher present till later in the session when one other, not in regular work, came in.

The financial stress to keep the work going was several times so sharp as to render it needful to mortgage his horses and buggy, or his private home, and once he sold his residence to pay off the indebtedness on a church build-

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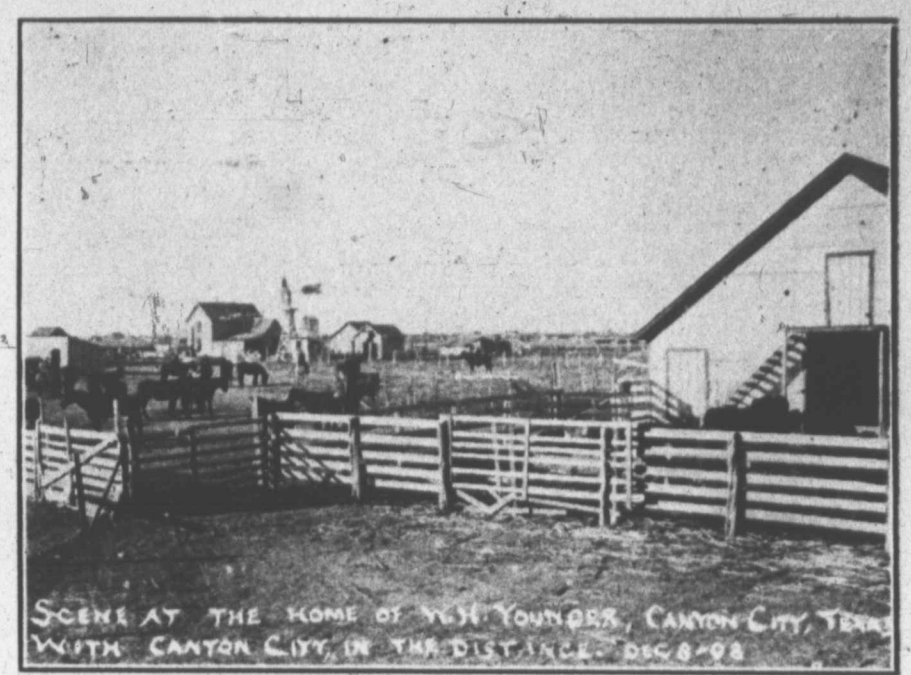


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was built under his ministry and stands today as a place of worship for those who have followed the first church of any denomination built in Randall County, viz: The Baptist church of Canyon City.

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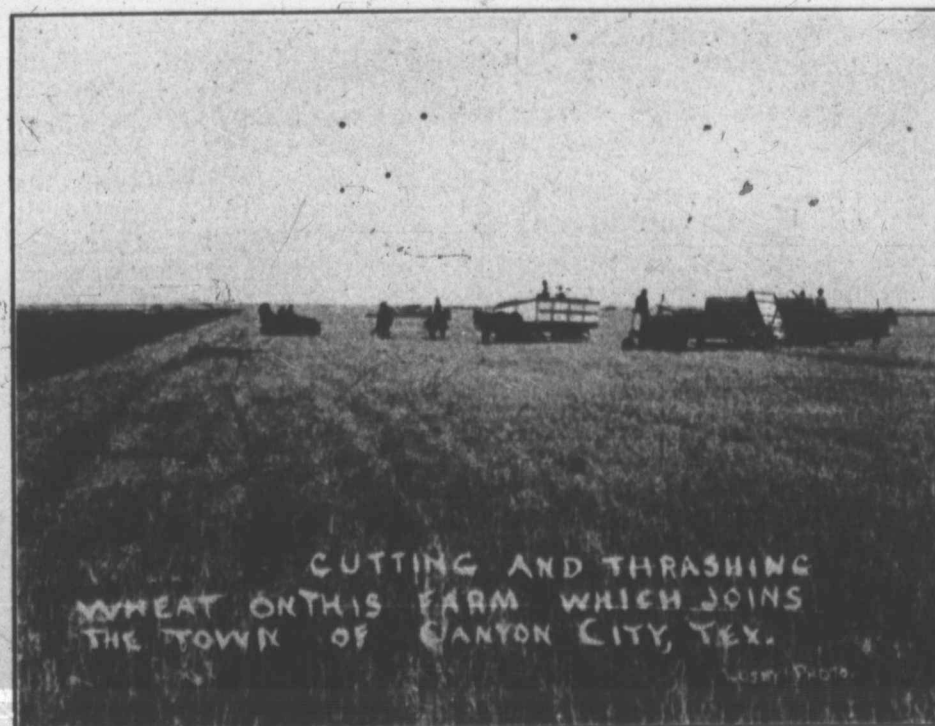
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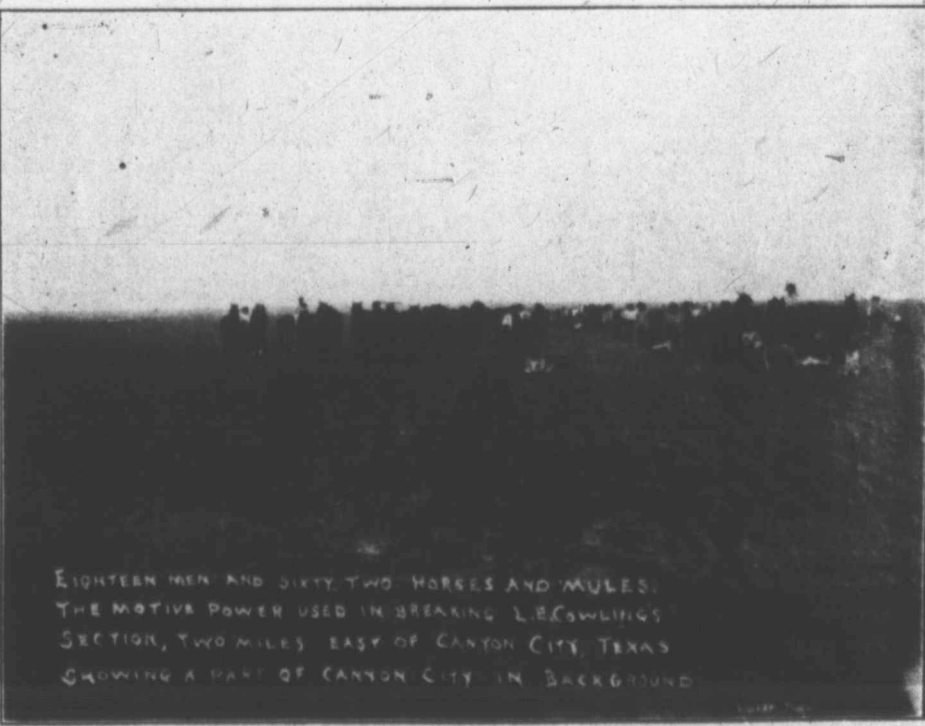
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MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND.	
No. 27 to Clovis	2:50 p. m.
No. 112 to Carlsbad	10:15 a. m.
No. 73 Local Freight	9:20 a. m.
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No. 114 to Kansas City	6:00 p. m.
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No. 27 to Plainview	2:40 p. m.
No. 93 Local Freight	8:10 a. m.

Trains No. 27 on the Main Line leaving Canyon City at 2:50 p. m. is made up here, and Plainview on the Main Line arriving from Clovis at 10:15 a. m. is made up at this place. Local freights and trains Nos. 27 and 93 don't run on Sundays.

THE REASON OF IT.

In getting out a special edition of the kind which this issue represents there is an immense amount of work which is not in the least understood by the average person. The editor thinks that there is a compensation to him for the work and thought and care which he has placed upon each individual article which appears in this number. It has not been the idea of the editor to allow a single misrepresentation to appear in the columns of the regular paper and it has been his particular purpose to rather underestimate than to over-state anything which appears herein.

The editor has been so fortunate as to have been able to travel over a large portion of the United States and when he located at Canyon City he did so for the reason that he plainly saw a great future before this broad and fertile country. He was born in Missouri but came to Texas when there were to be heard the cry that "the Indians are coming" and he has therefore been enabled to see the great Lone Star State forge to the front from practically a wilderness. He knows and loves the great state of Texas and knows that within its borders there is an empire within itself capable of development of such a high class that it would be possible to produce within its boundaries every single thing that would be needed to support all the people who shall ever people its fertile soil.

Knowing these things it is but natural that the editor should desire to do just his little mite in bringing about the rapid development of his home section of

the state as is within his power. This paper has a financial remuneration in it but the editor would be much more pleased should his efforts to expound some of the good things of the Panhandle and Randall county result in bringing this great section of rapid developing country into the notice of some poor struggling man who could come here and establish a home where he might live and prosper.

The editor knows that a great many people are skeptical about this country but it is on account of ignorance than of wisdom. A man who would investigate with an unprejudiced mind, the great opportunities which still exist here, could not rightfully go away with anything but a kind word for this section of our great country.

The reason of it? The editor wants the world to know more about this country, its past, present and future. We invite investigation. Our country is by far more prosperous than many of the old settled sections of the state. We have few, if any, undesirable characters, the most moral people of the United States, the most hospitable people to be found, the most energetic citizenship anywhere—and they all believe in the Panhandle and its future.

The reason of it? We want you to know Randall county as it should be known.

THE MECHANICAL PART OF OUR OFFICE.

In order that our readers may know something of the inside part of our office we give a little mention of some of the most important matters there.

Since last August, when the present management took charge it has been the purpose to bring the plant itself up to such a standard that it would not be excelled in this portion of the state and we think that we have succeeded. We have facilities for doing almost anything that any of the large printing offices of the state can do. In a strictly mechanical way, our principal machinery consists of our Standard press for the newspaper, which is elsewhere described, our large 12 by 18 inch job press and a 9 by 12 inch job press, our large gasoline engine, Eclipse folder which is also described in another column, a proof press capable of proofing six galleys of type at one time, a stapler for the binding of books, a perforator, a round corner machine for books and cards, punching machine for making loose leaf ledger sheets, a mailing machine for addressing the papers of subscribers, a 26-inch paper cutter and also a 19 inch cutter.

When it comes to the matter of type the assortment is very large there being 136 different sizes or faces of type for use in setting ads and job work, while it requires a large number of cases for the type used in setting the reading matter. This does not include an immense amount of borders, rules and sorts—things that every printer knows the necessity of in a printing

office. It requires three immense marble stone for making up the regular paper and additional stone room for the job department. Then in addition there are type stands, furniture cases, lead and slug cases, drying racks for printed matter, mailing tables, binding tables, stock tables and other matters just as necessary but too numerous to mention in this article.

As to the stock department we carry absolutely the largest stock of papers, envelopes, cards, printing material and such matters that we know about west of Fort Worth. This is made necessary on account of the large amount of job work turned out each week. The paper stock is placed in dust proof shelves with mechanical lifting front thus eliminating much loss by reason of stock improperly cared for.

As for the work of taking care of the business of the office, the editor and manager, of course, occupy the front department of the building where every facility is at hand for proper attention to the newspaper and job business.

Proper card systems for keeping up with the subscription lists, typewriters and desks for all the office purposes and everything that goes to make up a properly equipped office room.

In the main work room John Hibdon has charge of the whole force, his title being that of foreman. The work in this department has its subdivisions, Mr. Hibdon superintending the whole work; giving his personal attention to the setting of the advertising and jobs that are turned out, seeing that those who set the type for these matters, "does the work in such a manner that it will be neat and attractive."

Frank B. Gage has charge of the printing of all job work seeing that everything in that department is printed according to the rules of the office which is that "The first consideration in this office is that everything must be exactly right."

Dan K. Usery has plenty to do. He has charge of the mailing department and looking after the printing of the paper. He is the man upon whom the editor

places the blame when the subscriber does not get his paper and it is he who sees that the paper is properly printed and that it gets out in-time to catch all the trains.

These are the three principal men in the back office. They have plenty to do if they see that every particular thing done there is according to the one office rule of doing "everything exactly right" and seeing that those who are working in the separate departments do their work properly and on time.

We might go ahead and write much more about the work in our office but the foregoing will give you some idea as to how the work is subdivided and what it takes to get out the work we have to do. There are hundreds and hundreds of things that have to be done that the average person would not think about.

THE COST OF THIS PAPER.

Few of the people who will read this paper will realize the expense which has been incurred in getting out this special illustrated edition. We cannot enumerate each item but some idea may be gathered when we say that five tons of paper will be used, costing this office at the rate of \$6.10 per hundred pounds delivered here. That it will take \$16.00 worth of ink to print it; setting the type for the edition would amount to at least \$85, while it takes more than eighty hours of solid press work to get out the edition not to say anything about getting the pages ready to go upon the press. Not an inconsiderable matter is the cost of folding and getting ready for mailing. The cuts used in the paper cost nearly \$285.00, while the hours and hours of time spent in reading, studying and preparing the copy for the reading matter for its columns is something that cannot be estimated. It costs something to get out a paper like this but the results are satisfactory to the entire News force.

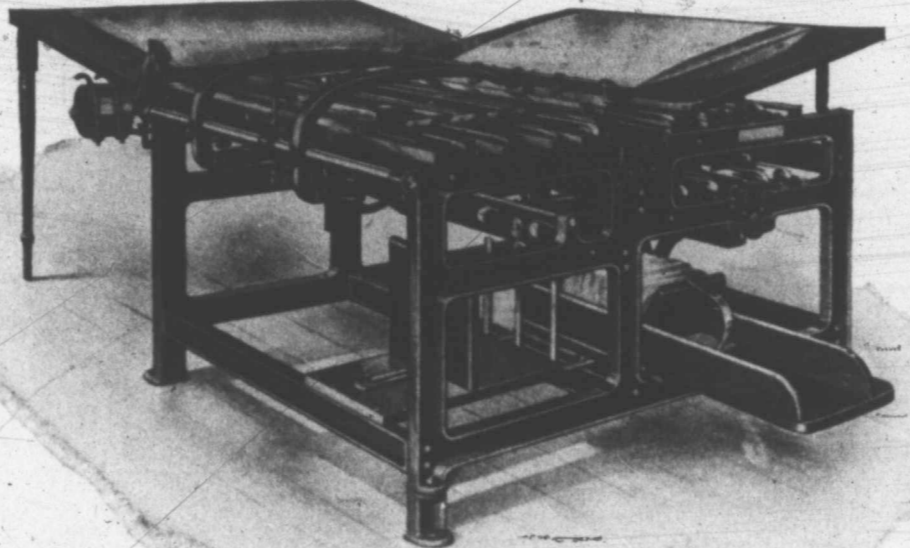
AMERICAN HOMESEEEKERS.

Great Panhandle of Texas and What it Offers to Those Here and Abroad.

A headline in this paper a few days ago read, "Panhandle Wet and Green." Since that headline and accompanying article was published the Panhandle country has become "more wet" and "more green," and this condition is a most happy one.

Business during this year over the great plains, including all divisions of this wide territory, will be up to the notch of former years, and the probability is that all commercial lines will enjoy even greater prosperity than has yet fallen to the business men of Amarillo and to all of the other hustling cities and towns of the Panhandle. When the year closes and the several trunk lines of railroads have made reports of immigration business it will be seen that many more thousands of intelligent and thrifty homeseekers and homemakers have located in the Panhandle country. This portion of the southwest is today the most widely advertised region in the federal union, and when a citizen of another state comes to the great Panhandle it is a case of being convinced at once of the splendid present opportunities for creating material wealth and the rich promises, sure to be fulfilled, in the future.

An investment in this country is necessarily bound to be a paying one. Land values are moving steadily upward each season. The Panhandle of Texas is the last great fallow and fertile domain left in the North American temperate zone where homes and farming land may be secured at nominal prices. This fact is recognized by many thousands of persons over the states, hence each year finds armies of homeseekers on the march, as it were, to the great plains of Texas.



OUR NEW ECLIPSE FOLDER.

One of our best labor savers in getting out our paper each week is the new folder which we have installed. With it, work that ordinarily took three men all day to do, can now be done within an hour and a half with only one man at work. It will fold, trim and paste, an eight, ten or twelve page paper at the rate of 3000 per hour.

Some Crop Statistics for Randall County.

By R. A. Terrill, Canyon, Texas.

People generally are not conversant with the results of the labors of the farmers in Randall county on account of the fact that it is hard for the general run of the people to ascertain the exact results except in their immediate neighborhood.

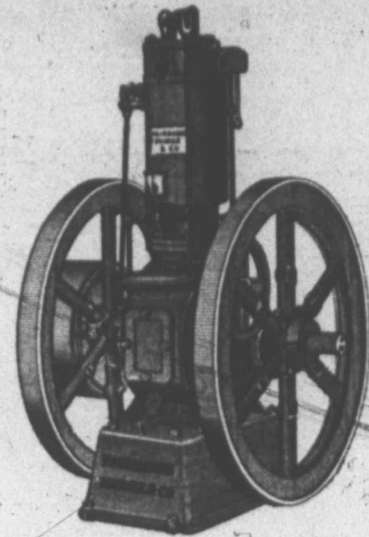
Of course crops results for this year are not obtainable as yet as it is by far too early to make any estimates. For the last year almost exact figures have been compiled showing the amount per acre which was the average for the year 1908 in this county.

The writer has made crop conditions a study for years past on account of the fact that the results from farming were a component part, as it were, of the success of his business during the last twelve or fifteen years. His connection with various matters which were effected by the general yield of the farms on the farms was such that it behooved him to know as nearly as possible the exact conditions. When the writer moved to Randall county two years ago he did so for the reason that it was the healthiest place that he could find and that it appeared certain to him that the country had a great future before it in an agricultural way—and agriculture and farm products are the mainstay of and successful community.

Not for newspaper work, but that the writer might know for his own uses, did he attempt to compile accurate statistics about the crops. In making the estimates he took the total number of acres of crops at the time of planting, not at the time of harvesting—any competent statistician will appreciate the difference—and then he took the actual production at the time of harvest, thereby giving the most accurate report of the average

that could possibly be obtained. Taking every field in the county containing ten acres or more of every crop reported the writer found that the following were the actual averages of crops produced: wheat, 15 bushels, 42 pounds; oats, 38 1-3 bushels, milo maize, 37 2-5 bushels; Kaffir corn 40 1-6 bushels; upland alfalfa, 2 1-8 tons; bottom land alfalfa 3 5-8 tons and Indian corn 31 2-5 bushels. This includes all of these crops which were planted on sod land as well as upon the older lands. No estimate could be made upon millet on account of the fact that a large number of farmers broke their wheat ground after the crops were removed and then planted millet and therefore accurate estimates could not be made on account of the indefiniteness of acreage and the fact that only a small percentage of the millet was threshed.

In concluding this article it should be said that a greater, much greater acreage of land has been placed in cultivation in Randall county during the past year than ever before. A trip over the country would be a revelation to the people living in the country itself. Thousands of acres have been broken within the past eight months, acres that will eventually help to swell the large amount of products which go forth to tell of the productiveness of a great country. It might also be well to state that Randall county produces more Kaffir corn and milo maize with the present limited number of acres in cultivation than any other country in the state and that statistics show that the total value of products of the county is only excelled by one county in the Panhandle and the county that does lead Randall county is one that contains practically twice the area that this county does.



OUR POWER PLANT.

Of course such a plant as ours must necessarily be operated by some kind of power. The above is a picture of the gasoline engine used in this office. It is of sufficient size to run the big press, the two jobber presses and the folder at the same time and then have power to spare.

The foregoing being true, and it most assuredly is true, then it is easily seen that no territory is more fortunate today than the Panhandle country. Those who are happily located here, those who own property or equity in realty, should congratulate themselves; and they should each act as a missionary by mail, or otherwise, in an endeavor to interest some other brother struggling in another land where conditions of life and material advancement are not what he can find in this great portion of Texas.

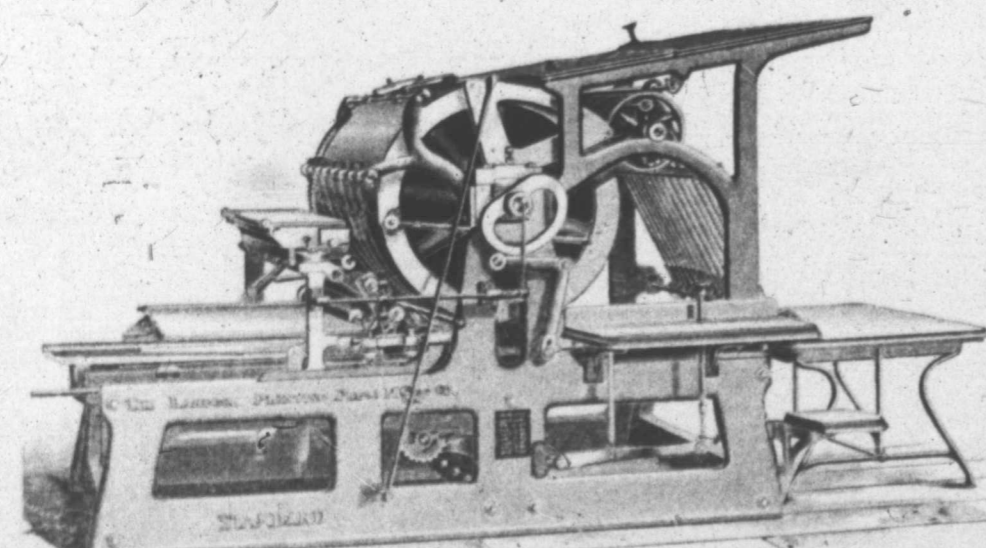
Yes, the "Panhandle is wet and green," and the hosts of other states and other climates are invited to come and enjoy it with us. When they do they will have done that which will cause their posterity to call them blessed—Daily Panhandle.

Joe Foster, Assessor.

Nineteen years ago the Foster family, of whom a large number live in this county, moved from eastern Texas to Randall county, settling on a ranch 12 miles south of this city. Among them was Joe Foster, a man who may well be termed a "self made man" if, by saying that, you mean a person who has, by his own exertions, management and close attention to the work which had on hand, made a success of that which he found to do. And his work has resulted in material wealth to himself. Mr. Foster was not backward in taking advantage of the price of land when the demand was light and it has grown upon him until he is rated as being one of the most substantial young men of this section of the state. He is now serving his second term as county tax assessor to which office he was chosen some three years ago. His official career has been marked with that steadfastness to his duty which has directed his course throughout his life.

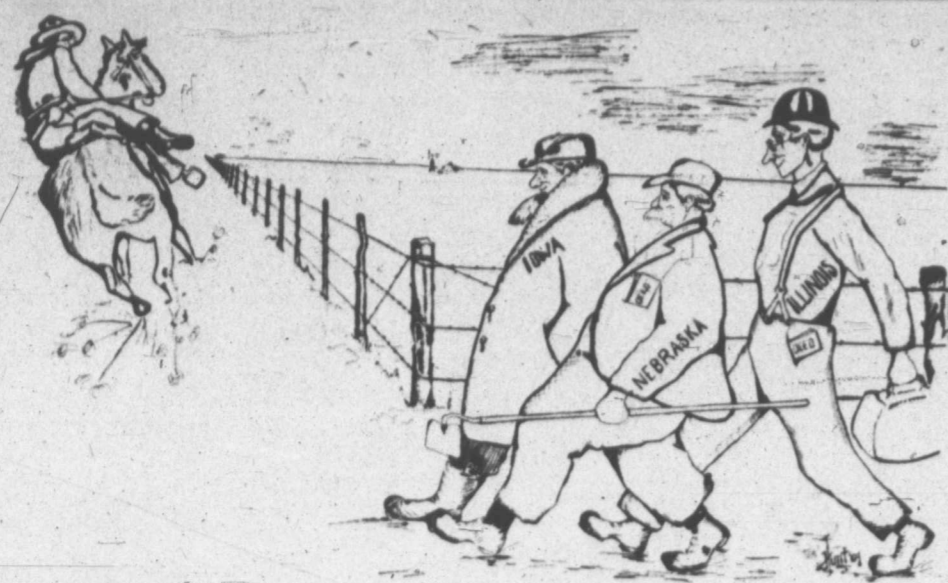
City Pharmacy, A. S. Rollins, Proprietor.

This good drug store, the City Pharmacy, is located in a modern cement building with 30 foot front in the middle of the west side of the public square. The City Pharmacy is the largest business of its kind in Randall county and is complete in all its appointments. The best of drugs and chemicals are kept in stock for compounding prescriptions. There are all kinds of medicines, toilet articles, rubber goods, stationery, paints, brushes, souvenirs, fountain drinks, cigars and many other things that go to make up a complete drug store. There is a special department of jewelry, watches and clocks which is looked after by Mr. H. Holte, an experienced silversmith and watchmaker. Mr. Rollins does not give the business his personal attention but leaves the management to Mr. H. H. Cassles, an experienced pharmacist and a careful compounder of medicines, who carefully looks after every detail of the large business. Mr. Cassles is assisted in the prescription department by Claude T. Bennett who has a trained knowledge to everything necessary to be known in the filling of prescriptions. This house deserves the confidence of the buying public and from appearances it secures its proportionate share of the trade at least.



HARCOCK STANDARD PRESS.

Neat ads and tastefully arranged pages add greatly to the appearance of a paper, but the finishing up of the work depends upon the class of press-work done. The highest class of such work can only be done by proper presses, and in order that we might be able to do the very best of printing and at a rate that would save labor, we have installed a new press of which the above is a fair representation. On the press we are enabled to print half-tones and such heavy work at a speed of at least 2000 per hour. It weighs 9000 pounds and is one of the best presses made.



The Man With the Hoe Coming to the Panhandle

By J. W. Crudgington, Amarillo, Texas.

Until a few years ago, the Panhandle being an exclusively grazing country, was considered of no other importance. This is accounted for by being a part of the great State of Texas with its variety of climate, production and untold natural resources, but even then it is indeed strange that the Panhandle (itself thirty-five times as large as Rhode Island, many times larger than either Massachusetts, New Jersey or Maryland, larger than West Virginia, nearly the size of either Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio, and having a larger percentage of rich agricultural land than any like sized body of country in North America, with a climate unsurpassed and an abundance of as pure water throughout its extent as can be found on the globe.) should have been so considered. To the people of Texas it is not so strange and it will be less strange to the people of other sections when they hear and heed the true story.

Great as is this wonderful section, one of its splendid counties (Bailey), as shown by 1900 census had only four people. Amarillo, its largest city had at that time a population below 1500 and held its own in population and growth along with the country generally, until 1903, when our present era of development began.

PRODUCTIONS.

Wheat, barley, rye, oats, corn of all varieties, cotton, alfalfa, timothy, blue grass, white clover, potatoes, sweet and Irish, pumpkins, and melons grow to perfection. As to vegetables, most every known variety has its perfection in growth and excellence in the Panhandle.

From the results of the four crops of wheat raised, this promises to excel any known wheat country on general average. Reynolds five miles south of Amarillo, Randall county, in 1906, threshed a few less than 600 bushels off of 12 acres of ground,

which had been been thoroughly prepared and properly sown. The same year, N. C. Thompson near Dumas, Moore county, made more than 40 bushels per acre on land similarly prepared and sown. L. Gough near Hereford this year made thirty bushels. When it is considered that for the short period of four years, only, has there been any effort to grow wheat and such yield as the above where proper cultivation of the land had been done, and the fact, that for four years, the general average of the country is above 15 bushels, there is something upon which to base one's faith in the Panhandle as a record breaking wheat country.

In Wheeler, Gray, Hemphill and other counties where corn has been grown for a longer time for several years past there has been no such thing as a failure, the yield averaged as high as 50 to 70 bushels per acre, and in many other parts, similar results have been obtained. It is therefore no longer questionable whether this is a corn country. Wherever corn and cotton has been tested in the eastern and southern parts, it is equally certain that it is an unfailing crop. After five years test, Hall county promises in the near future to become the banner cotton country in the State of Texas.

STOCK FARMING.

With its fertile soil, so well adapted to the growth of such a variety of grain and grasses, the splendid water and climate, healthful alike to man and animal, it doesn't require any brains to see a great future for this as a stock farming country. The best parts of Kentucky and Missouri, never possessed any such natural advantages along that line. Practically everything grown in those most favored sections can be grown equally well here. Besides our stock, owing to the mild dry winters don't need shelter exceeding twenty days during the average winter.

Then we need one thing only to give this country the place in the world's estimate which it deserves. We need him, the man with the hoe, the sun-browned king; builder of the material wealth of our great country. When he comes here from everywhere bringing his ideas and experiences and applies them along with the scientific methods of modern agriculture and all the many potent resources of the Panhandle are developed, then in addition to the many other qualities, will be added another, and assuredly by no means the least. It will be the most beautiful body of country on the earth, and there will abound everywhere peaceful, prosperous, and happy homes, splendid school houses and churches. In these homes will abide honest, intelligent, independent, self-reliant men and women, with that iron in the blood that makes one count in the rough and tumble battle of life. Out of these homes, churches and schools will come the sons and daughters of the noble men and women worthy of the great country that produced them.

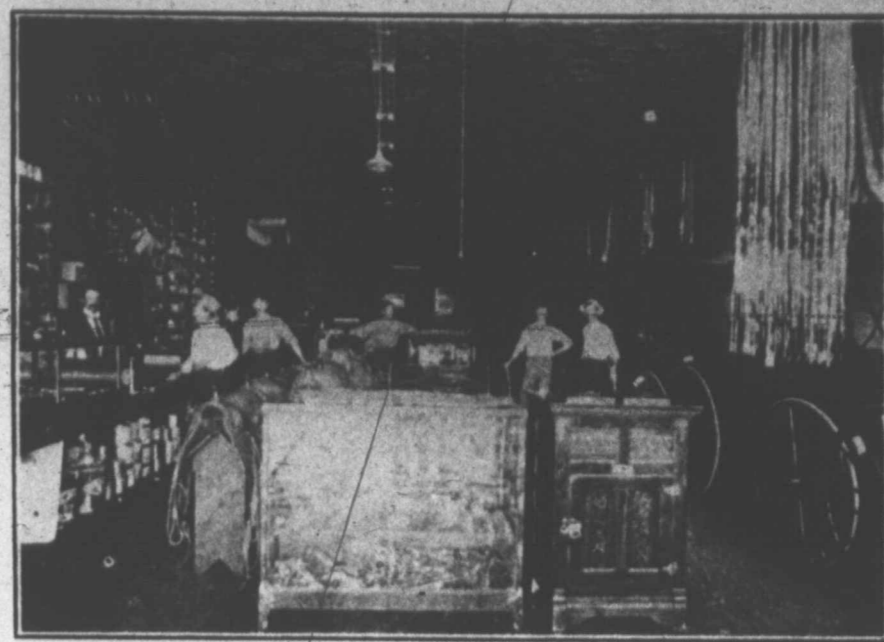
Then the Panhandle will be felt in its influence in the councils of the state and nation, and through its products in the markets of the world.

James Foster.



Among those who know him this hustling citizen is familiarly called 'Jim' Foster. He is an unassuming gentleman who tends to his own business and does that well. He came from North Carolina

to Red River county in the year 1870 since which time he has made Texas his home. In 1890 Mr. Foster moved to this county settling nine miles southeast of this city and engaging in stock farming in which business he has been engaged the greater part of the time since making of it a material success. For the past ten years he has made his home in Canyon City and until recently was engaged in the butcher business. From the organization of the city corporation until the last election he was a member of the City Council in which capacity he did much toward the general welfare of the city. In the last election he had the distinction of getting out and soliciting votes for his opponent as he did not desire further political preference.



This is an interior view of the hardware department of the Thompson Hardware Company and it is one of the largest and most complete stores for hardware, implements, buggies, harness, builder's hardware and such articles as a good hardware store always carries. In the entire west the store is located on the East side of the square and is popular with the buying public.

eliminating the danger of any shoddy work such as is done on factory machines.

If you are not a citizen of this county but do contemplate locating among us it is not necessary to buy anything in this line elsewhere and pay the heavy freight upon it to this point for you can get the same or better things here, sold at reasonable prices by a reasonable, responsible firm and they stand back of the goods with their guarantee.

Usually in a new and fast-developing country like this it is hard to secure just what you want in this line, but the Thompson Hardware Company, to use a slang expression, is "there with the goods" and is equal to the occasion.

T. C. Thompson is the genial manager of this big business; and he was one of the early settlers in the Plains country, coming here when the whole country was a cattle range, seventeen years ago engaging in the stock farming business in Hale county. He has lived in this city twelve years and has seen the country develop from the range of the longhorn to the users of the kitchen range in neat farm houses surrounded by pretty fields growing the fruits of the earth. He is a native Texan and like all Texans, likes the country and the people. He joins the News in inviting people to come here and look at the country, provided they are willing to spend a little energy in developing the country. We need more farmers with plows in our big pastures of fertile, productive soils, and Mr. Thompson can fit you out with the plow from the big steam outfit to the oldtime Georgia stock.

J. Roy Cullum is the Secretary and Treasurer of the concern and his business ability is clearly shown in the capable manner in which his department is conducted, everything being given immediate attention. It seems

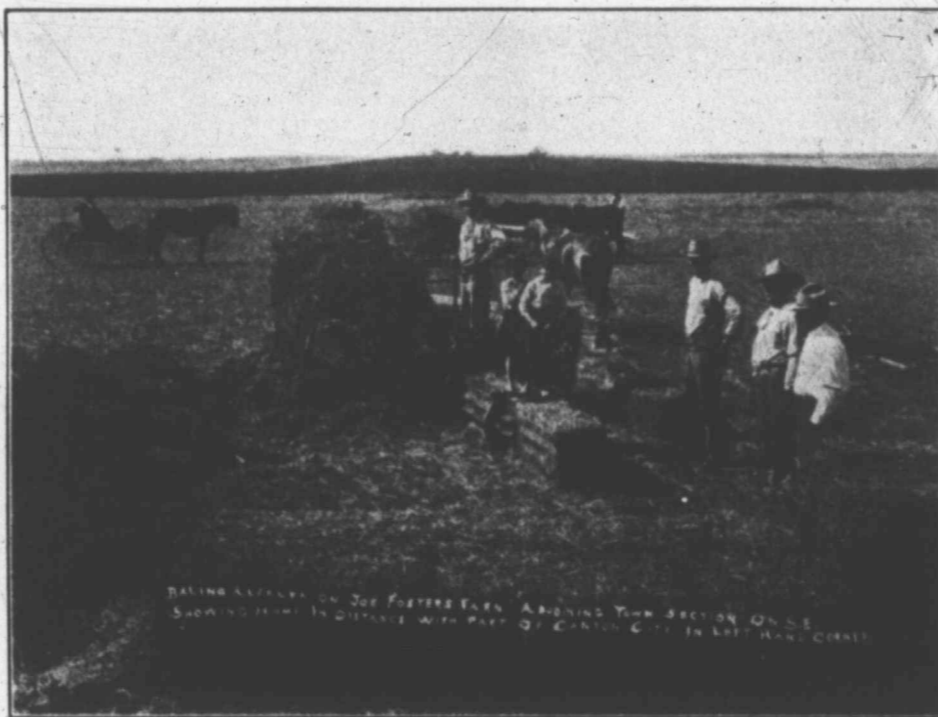
that he has adopted the motto of the News office which is, "The first consideration of this office is that everything must be done exactly right."

This is a successful business house and it deserves to be if earnest concentration upon every detail of the very large volume of business, combined with executive ability which is not surpassed, is any criterion. They make friends and hold them. Yes, they are successful.



J. C. Hunt, Attorney-at-Law.

Judge Hunt was born in the Blue Grass state of Kentucky leaving that state to come to the Lone Star state in the year 1880 and located in north Texas. He was admitted to the bar in 1893 and was elected county Judge of Lamar county in 1894. He made his appearance in Randall county in 1900 since which time he has had his full proportion of the legal business here. He practices his profession in all the state and Federal courts and is well liked among the legal fraternity. His office practice is also of large proportions, being continuously called upon to perform the legal parts in the drawing of deeds, contracts, and such like matters as well as the examination of titles to lands.



The Joe Foster place is now owned by W. H. Younger of this city and is one of the many ideal farms of Randall county. There is a large acreage of alfalfa on the place and it is a great revenue producer. The foregoing picture was taken just as the owner was finishing the baling of the fourth crop last year. Alfalfa has proven to be a great feed in this country and the owner of a good alfalfa farm is easily an independent being.

Fair Texas.

(Sung to the tune of America.)

Great God, on Thee we wait
For blessings on our State;
For Texas, great,
May peace abide therein;
Cleanse Thou from stain of sin;
Let justice reign within
Fair Texas State.
We need Thy power divine;
Thy truth must through us shine,
For Texas, mine.
Teach us our State to bless,
Through ways of righteousness;
May Thy name confess,
In Texas, mine.
Our fathers proved Thy power
To save in darkest hour,
Bright Texas, fair,
May we, the strong and free,
Still daily wait on Thee;
Our prayer each morning be,
Save Texas, fair.
From Thine abundant store,
Thy blessings daily pour
On Texas State.
Thine shall th Kingdom be;
The world Thy power shall see;
The glory give to Thee,
For Texas, great.
—G. W. Lutz.

The Locaters Land Company.

This strong concern has its principal office in Chicago, but has been devoting the most of its time in bringing into this section of the state of Texas, a thrifty class of German farmers from Iowa and Nebraska, locating them near this city and the town of Happy. They have sold a great deal of land here and their dealings with their buyers are said to be more than satisfactory. They give close personal attention to their business not neglecting even the smallest matter which would tend to make their transactions the more satisfactory.

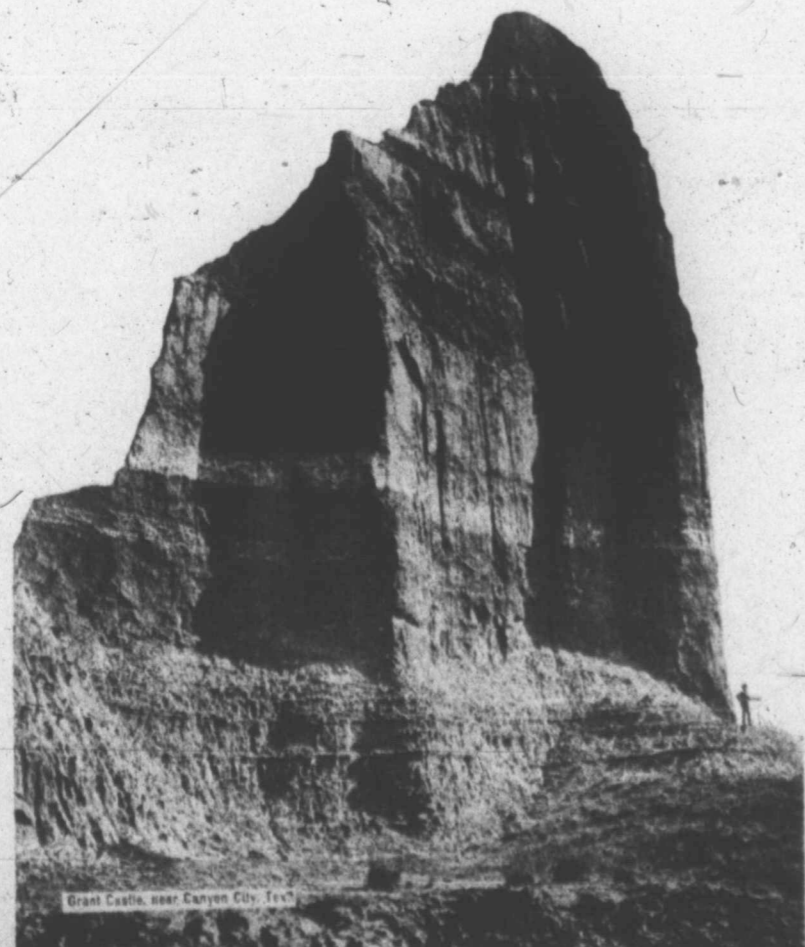
French dry cleaning at the Canyon Cleaning and Pressing Shop. Phone 216.

Thompson Hardware Company, (Inc.)

Exclusively in the hardware and implement business, this firm enjoys an immense amount of business and their stocks contained in their large sales room and in their various warehouses would convince the most skeptical even should they not see that their salesmen are continually busy waiting upon their customers.

The business is capitalized at \$25,000.00 and they deal, as stated, in all kinds of hardware, implements, buggies, machinery, leather goods and such a line of goods as will fit the farmer for the proper cultivation of the lands in this country.

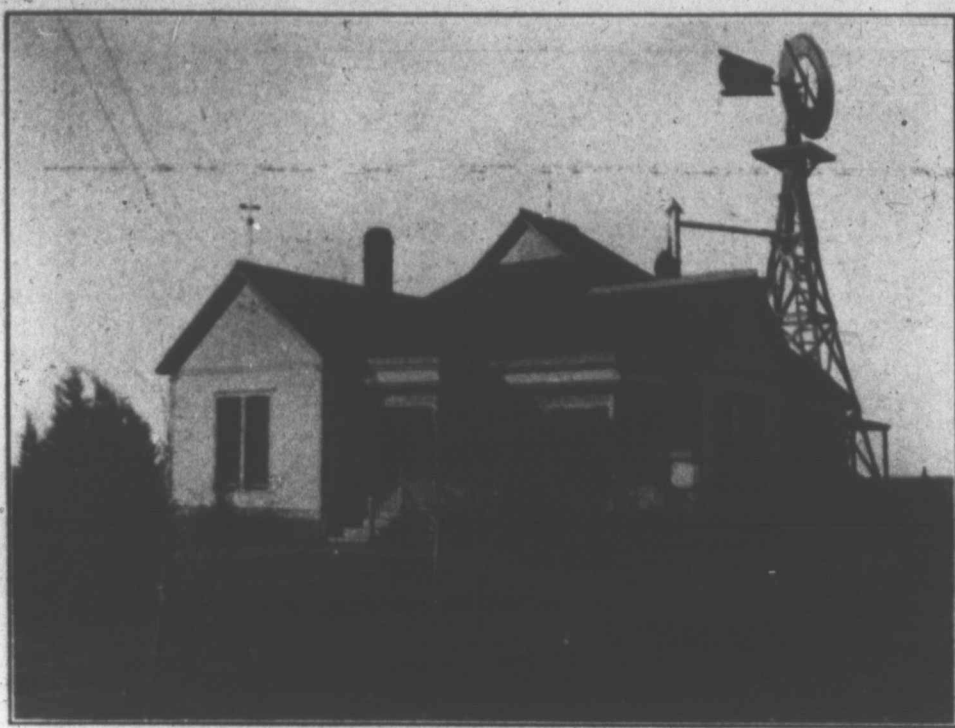
The total floor space is equal to 66,980 feet devoted to sales rooms, ware rooms, shops and sheds besides yard room for use in handling and putting up machinery. The principal part of their goods, consisting of implements, wagons, buggies, harvesting machinery, plows of all kinds, twine, windmills, well casing and piping, wire fencing, wire, stoves, ranges and such articles are bought in carload lots. This plan of buying gives the house the inside price on everything which the farmer needs and in addition the saving in freight alone makes quite a difference to the buying public. A tinshop in connection with the hardware takes care of all contracts on outside work in roofing, spouting and steel siding as well as the making of steel water tanks. There is also a heavy stock of work harness, driving harness, saddles and everything that goes to make the horse happy. Competent harness makers make the leather goods from the best of stock right in the house and under the personal supervision of the manager of the business thereby



This immense monster is one of nature's freaks in the Palo Duro Canyon. The man standing at its base will give an idea of its height. The colorings are simply fine, being a deep red at the bottom and then in strata of various hues, capped with a royal purple at the top.



This scene was taken in the Palo Duro canyon near this city but the reader must not think that the bears are wild. They are owned and trained by Thomas Brothers of this city for exhibition purposes.



RESIDENCE OF JUDGE AND MRS. C. T. WORD.

and Mrs. W. E. Bates, moved here. From his childhood it was his desire to do something for the upbuilding of the men, women and children of the country and, being of a deeply religious nature, he finally decided to enter the ministry which he did, putting years of study and consecration behind him ere he went forth to battle for the right in a public way. He has been conducting services as an evangelist nearly ever since he entered the ministry and has been very successful. He and his wife have recently been holding a series of revivals in various towns in New Mexico. Speaking of the work he said:

"Wife and I have just returned

from a very successful campaign of three and a half months laboring for the Lord in New Mexico. The Dear Lord blessed, in a wonderful way, in the saving and sanctifying of the people. I am now at home for a few weeks for a much needed rest, but should the call come from some place where my services are needed I would lay aside all personal comfort and answer the call. I am seeking the lost everywhere. Hallelujah!"

The Presbyterian Church.

The churches of this city and county are reaching out with their uplifting influences with the rapid increase in population. The First Presbyterian church



JOE FOSTER'S RESIDENCE.

J. W. Ballard.

Mr. Ballard moved to Canyon City from Swisher county about seven years ago in order to have the advantages of the schools of this city. Last year he sold three sections of his stock farm in Swisher county but he still retains a large landed interest there. He is thoroughly conversant with every department of the stock farming industry and has made a success of it.

Born in Tennessee, he came to Grayson county, Texas, in 1880 and from there he came to Swisher county in 1891, engaging in the stock business, in which he has continued until recently when he became able to retire from active business with a well earned income.

His successful career is but

one of the many great object lessons of those who took advantage of the great opportunities offered in the Panhandle.

The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballard, Miss May Ballard and Roscoe Ballard. The latter named has just recently returned from Fort Worth where he graduated from one of the leading business colleges with much credit to himself and his family.

Robert H. Bates, Evangelist.

Among those who have achieved the end for which they have aspired and have prepared themselves, is Robert H. Bates, Evangelist, whose home is in this city. Mr. Bates was born in Denton county, and moved here at the time his father and mother, Mr.



ROBERT H. BATES, EVANGELIST.

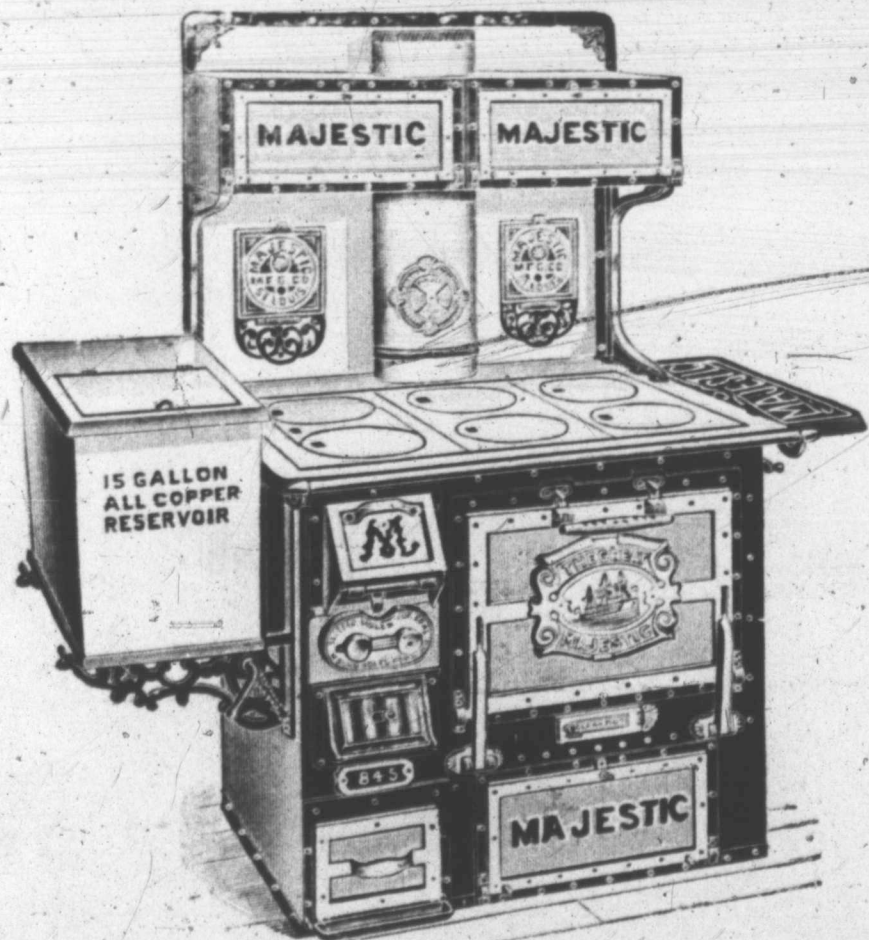
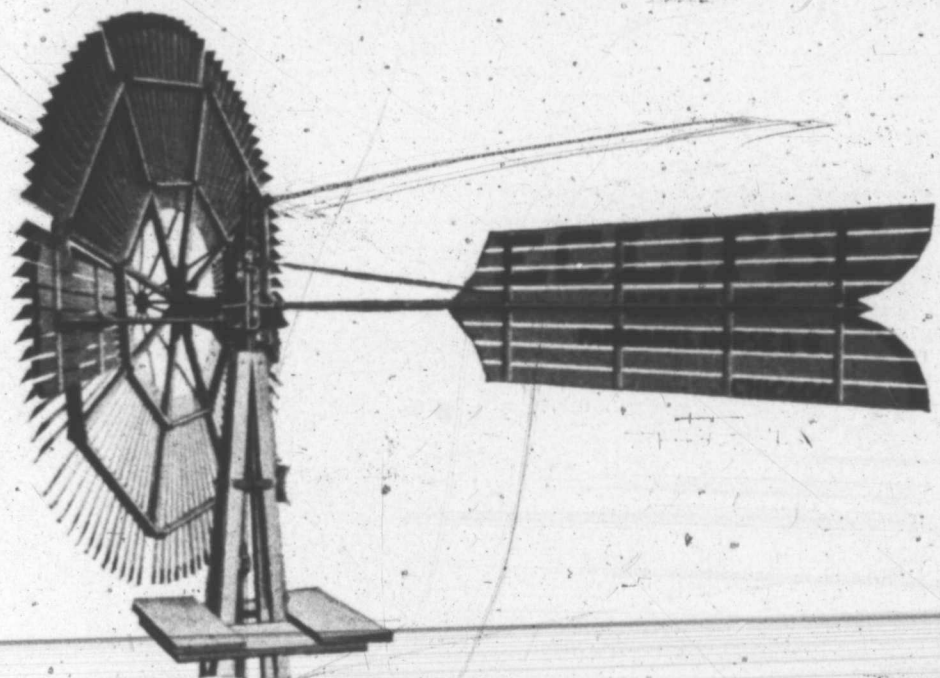
of this city is one of these which are doing much to build up the religious sentiment of everyone. Rev. J. S. Groves is the pastor. When he took up the pastorate in 1908, the Presbyterian church had fifty members. It now has seventy-six and the membership is still increasing. In addition to owning an elegant building the congregation has a neat, new manse which they have recently erected at a cost of about \$1500, and in addition they have contributed about \$275 for church benevolence during the present ecclesiastical year. The church societies are working in harmony and their influences for good are felt by all.

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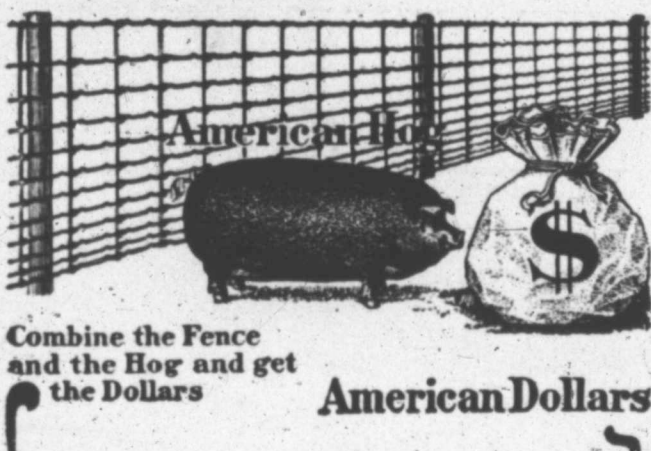
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Randall County has two running streams, the only county in the entire plains or Panhandle country which can claim so much. Near the center of the county these two streams, the Palo Duro and the Tierra Blanca, join and make the Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River, which runs through the grandest and most superb canyon in the entire country. It is known far and wide for its scenic grandeur, its deep gorges and craggy breaks. This grand scenic area is from two to four miles wide. Outside of that territory the land and country is level, sloping gently toward these streams.

A Few of the Many Things We Sell



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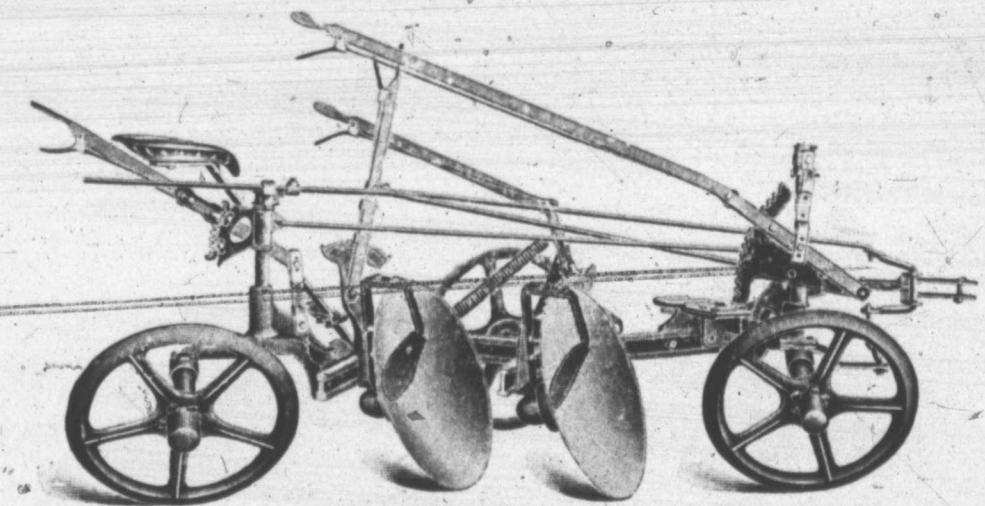
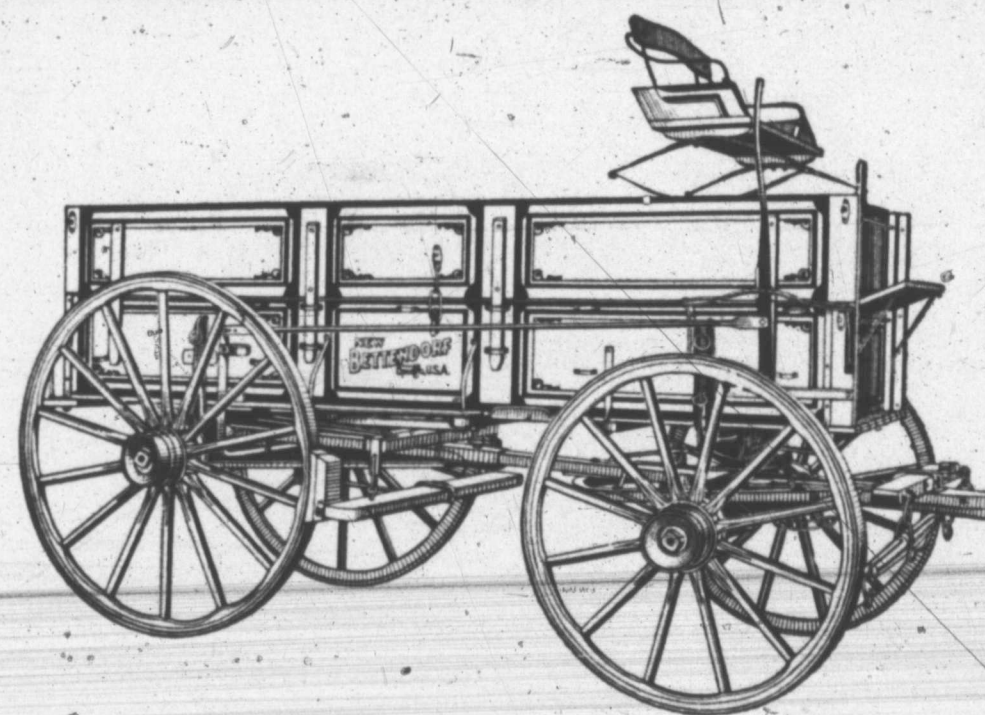


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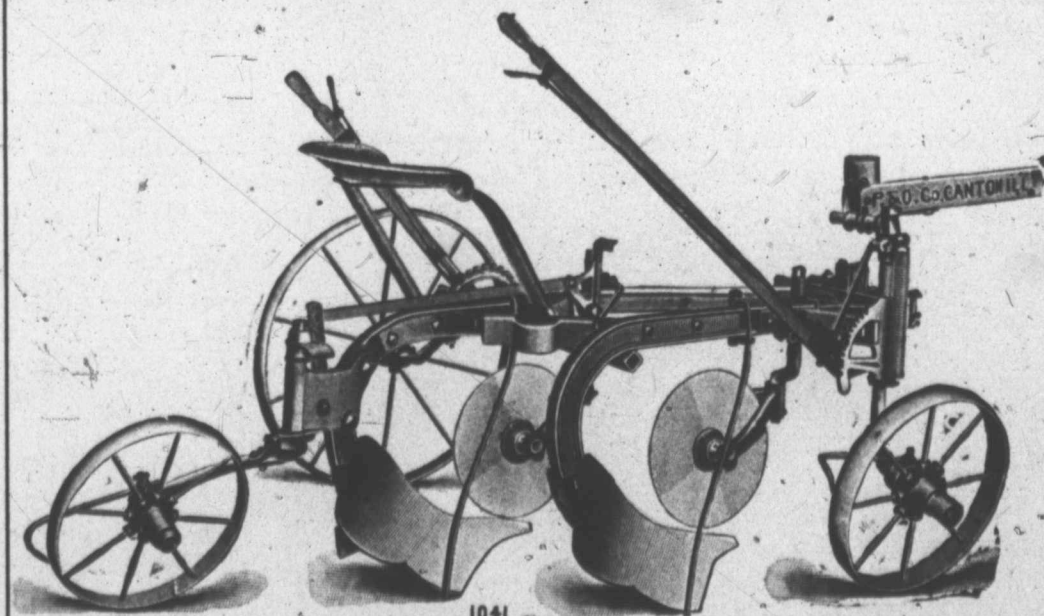
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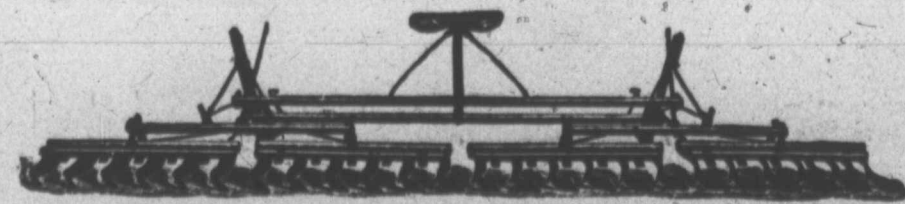
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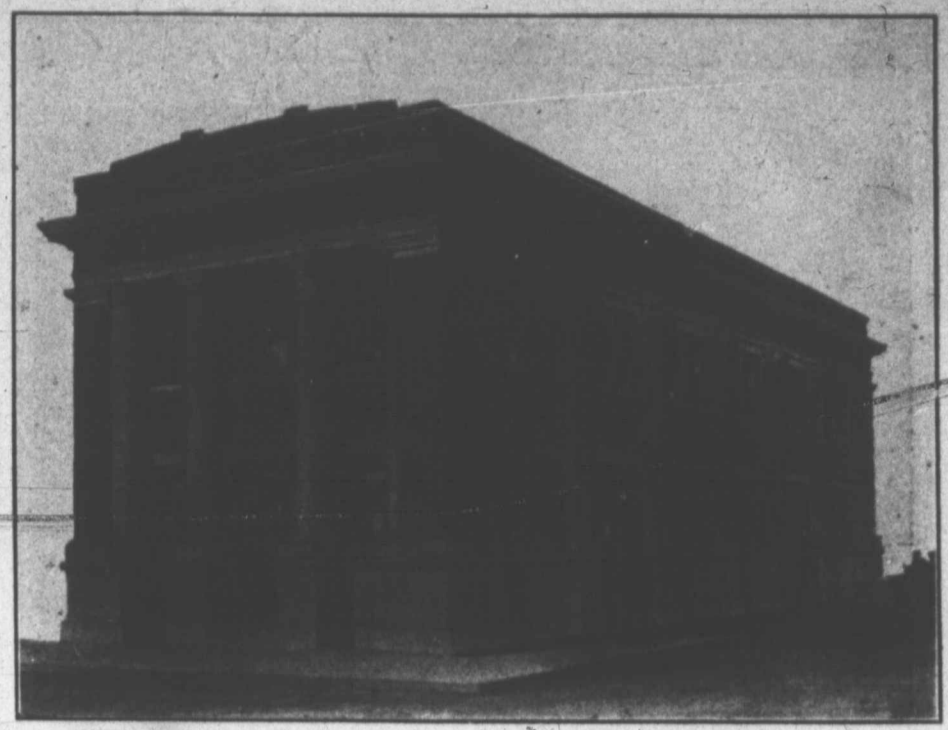
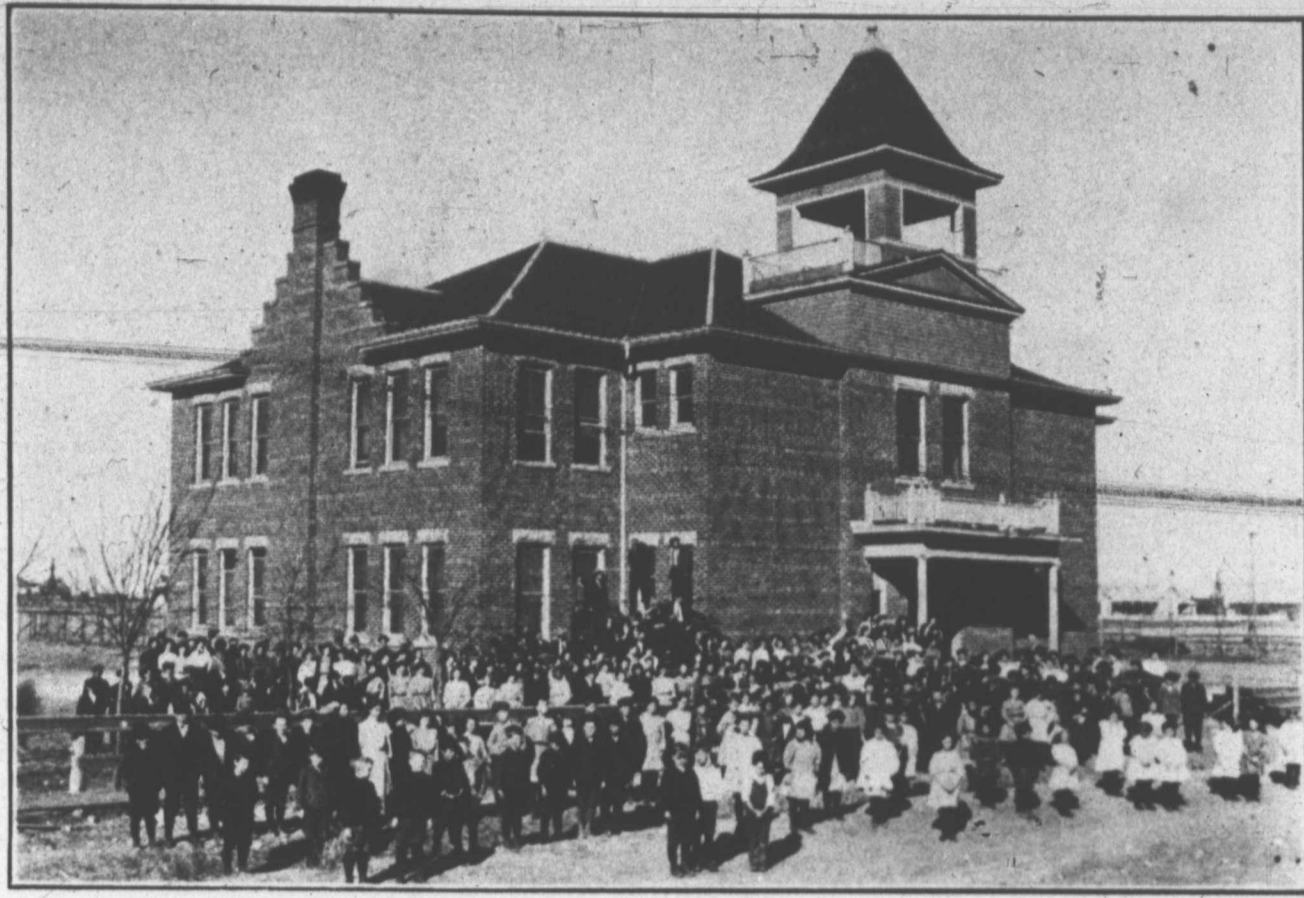
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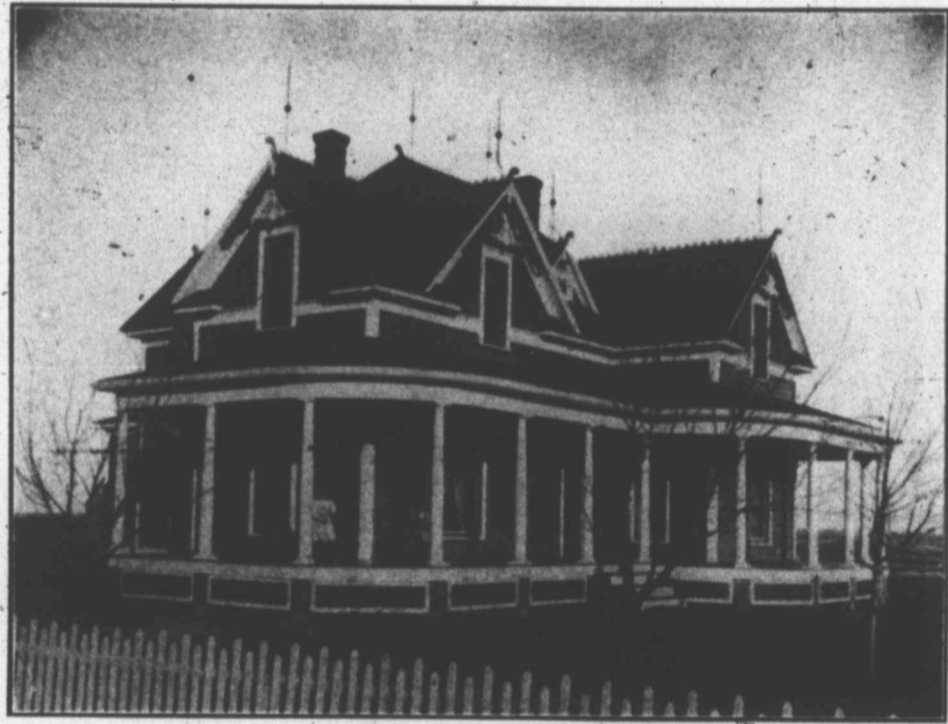
Public Schools.

A statesman is quoted as saying: "The principal business of a republic is education." This is but putting into an epigram something that we all know. The average man, in pointing out to a friend the advantages of his home community, usually makes a glowing reference to its public schools. The newcomer, before buying a home, always inquires with his first breath, "What kind of schools have you?"

duct, and his ability to do the work of the next higher grade, together with such oral and written tests of examination as may be given by the superintendent or under his instructions.

Certificates of graduation are given to those that merit the same upon the completion of the full course prescribed for the High School.

The first class was graduated in 1902 and a total of forty such diplomas have been issued.



DR. J. M. BLACK'S HOME.

The school is the center from which radiates the intellectual life of a community, and just in proportion as the mind is more to be prized than any mere machine, in just that much is the school, where minds are developed, more important than any other business or factory.

The Canyon graded schools are controlled by a board of education, its officers, members and committees, the executive officer being the superintendent. The faculty is composed of the superintendent, principal of the high school, three grammar school teachers, and three primary teachers. The primary and grammar school comprises the common school branches and is divided into seven grades. The high school course covers four years and provides for a thorough training in English, Latin, Literature, Mathematics, United States, English and General History, Composition and Rhetoric, Civics and the Sciences.

Promotions from grade to grade are based upon the teacher's estimates of the work of the pupil during the term, his general con-

David Thomas. Everybody who lives in Randall county, or at least those who have lived here for any length of time, knows David Thomas. He came to Randall county in 1888 and took up his abode on the T. Anchor ranch serving as a cowboy. He remained in the cattle business for sixteen years and he gained a world of experience that would take an entire book to relate. For some years he was associated with the Merry Brothers, being drawn into their company, we suppose, upon the theory that opposites attract. The Merry Brothers are extremely tall in stature while Mr. Thomas is extremely short as their picture which is shown in another column of this edition, will show. Anyway they are close friends and are all good, wholesome, square men, who have made good in Randall county.

David Thomas moved to town five years ago and built a good home where, with Mrs. Thomas and family, he continues to reside. He owns a number of other residences in this city all of which he rents.



HOME OF DAVID THOMAS, CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

In the recent city election the people of Canyon City called upon Mr. Thomas to serve them in an official capacity, electing him as one of the city aldermen in which office he is exercising his good judgment in the management of the official duties. He is one of the pleasant kind of men you so often meet out West and always greets you with a smile and a word of good cheer. They grow that way on the Plains.

First National Bank, L. T. Lester, President.

One of the most substantial business firms of Randall County or anywhere in the Panhandle country is the First National Bank of Canyon, and yet it is young, having been organized in 1900 by a combination of business men headed by L. T. Lester, the president. It is no amateur affair, this First National.

Mr. Lester is interested in ten banks at various points and was instrumental in the organization of all but one of them, and he therefore has a close hold on business conditions in the Southwest. Of course the character and per-



L. T. LESTER'S RESIDENCE.

sonality of Mr. Lester has been closely interwoven with the career of these banks, and it is doubtful, indeed, if any other man could have organized and conducted them so successfully.

The people knew Mr. Lester, and he is the same plain, unassuming man today, when his ripening years have been filled with success—civic, fraternal—as it was when he first landed on the Plains borders in 1886, but having been on the frontier west of the Brazos River thirty-five years with a rifle that shot straight at antelope, buffalo, Indian and bad white men alike.

The people knew Mr. Lester and trusted him, for he had been tried by the years and never found wanting. He lived on the Plains and engaged in the cattle business, when it meant something to be a plainsman. Of a variety the people knew that when he said a thing it was so, neither gain nor force could swerve him from his inflexible standard of right. He was a plain man of the people, unspoiled by prosperity, and the people came to him when he organized the bank.

His first step was to build a comfortable brick building, properly furnished, with strong vaults, safety depositories and every manner of equipment. There could be but one result—the bank has steadily and safely increased its business from the day of its foundation, a steady, staunch growth free from experiments.

Mr. Lester was active in the or-

ganization of the following banks and is directly connected with them either as official or director:

- The First National of Tulia.
- The First National of Lockney.
- The First National of Floydada.
- The First National of Lubbock.
- The First National of Elida, N. M.

M. The First State Bank of Bovina. The First State Bank of Emma. The First State Bank of Happy. The City National Bank, Portales, N. M.

The holdings of Mr. Lester in various parts of the country in land, city property and bank stock now approximate \$650,000, the foundation of which was laid in the cattle business and backed up by judicious investments in then cheap lands, which are now valuable, and the various business enterprises named. He has seen land sell at fifty cents an acre and again at \$50 within a period of but a few years.

The writer, who is also a plainsman, has many times sketched the lives of western pioneers, but this article is not a eulogy—merely a straightforward business like explanation of the splendid success of one of our citizens and the business firms of which he is the head, which could not in the nature of things be made anything else.

The First National Bank of Canyon, has been a most important factor in the development and growth of Canyon City and the industries upon which it depends. Banks are the best tests of the country's prosperity. Through them we arrive at correct conclusions regarding conditions prevailing in the place where they are located.

This bank is capitalized at \$100,000.00, and has a surplus of \$50,000.00; loans and discounts of \$300,000.00; cash and sight paper \$124,825.00; bonds and premiums \$154,746.00; deposits \$350,500.00.

The deposits furnish a strong evidence of the confidence the people have in its stability. There are not many banks in Texas that make a better showing. This bank has recently been made a State Depository, which fact is another indication of its standing

Judge B. Frank Buie.

Born in Kentucky this gentleman studied law and was admitted to the bar, practicing his profession at Hopkinsville, Ky., for three years and was a member of the Legislature of his native state in the years 1877 and 1878. He came to Texas in 1881 locating at Anson, in Jones county where he practiced law until 1898 but during the time he was county judge of that, Jones county from 1892 until in 1894. In '98, attracted by the possibilities of Randall county, he moved to Canyon City and has practiced his profession here until right recently when, having gained a competency to insure him ease for his remaining days and to provide for each of his children, he retired from active legal service.

Judge Buie's active political and legal career and his high standing among the legal fraternity of the state, are well known by all. Successful, capable, fearless and honest, he has gained and still holds the friendship and esteem of everyone.

James Vetesk.

Last fall there came to this county from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, James Vetesk, who purchased a home in the western portion of this city. His purpose in coming was to improve a half section of land which his brother, John Vetesk, had bought about a year ago, the land lying about two miles south

dall county citizen.

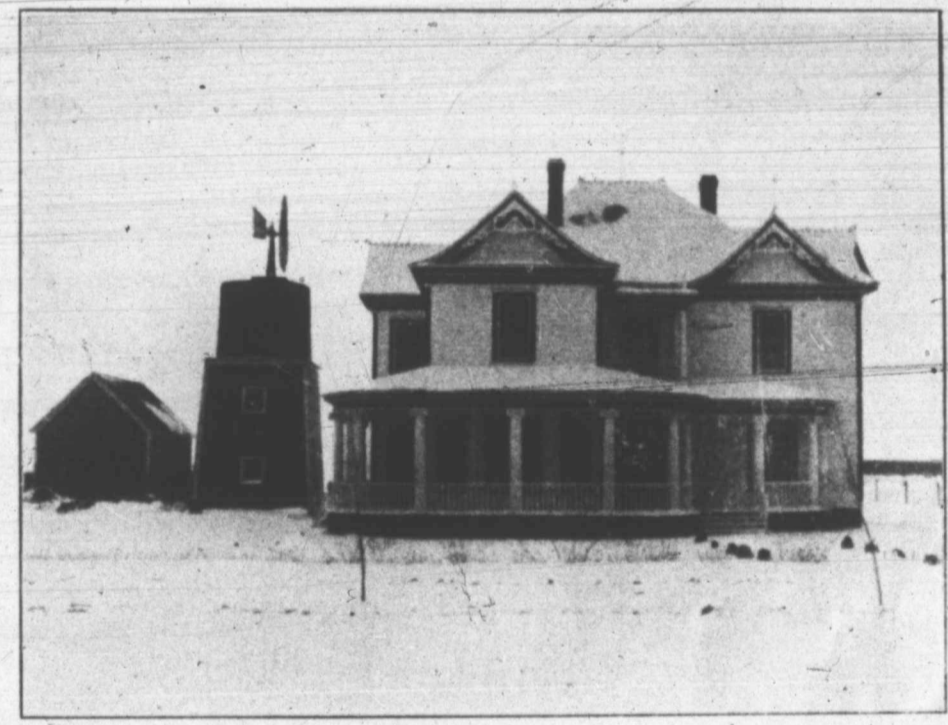
These brothers expect to make Randall county their future home. They like the country, the people and the climate and are well pleased with their investments and the future prospects. They will engage, primarily, in farming and consider this a good opening for any man who wants to locate where chances for success are great.

When we state that they will engage in farming, we mean that they will diversify, as these brothers thoroughly believe in diversification, raising wheat, oats, milo maize, kafir-corn, good cattle and will make a specialty of fine hogs.

Tonsorial Parlor of H. E. Muldrow.

If there is any one thing that a man likes more than an easy pair of slippers, it is an easy shave. Mr. Muldrow has had sixteen years experience in this art aesthetic and for twelve years he has been dispensing comfort and beauty to the bearded sex, making them look fully ten years younger than when they enter his door. He keeps experienced workmen who are skilled in every phase of the craft from the Kaiser Wilhelm turn of the moustache to the removing of fuzz from a young lover's chin. He runs hot and cold baths and a laundry agency.

Mr. Muldrow is a native of good old Missouri but he went to Houston in 1895 and is loyal Texan, a believer in the Panhandle



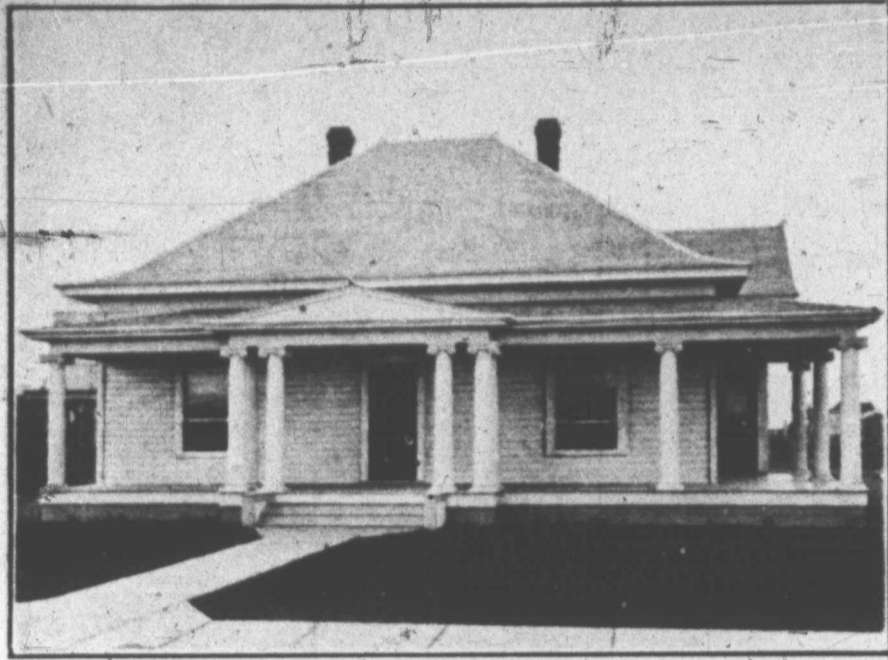
THE HOME OF J. W. BALLARD.

of this city. His brother, John, will also come here as soon as he disposes of his business interests in his Pennsylvania home. Another brother, Andrew, is attending college in Pennsylvania and as soon as he completes the course he will also become a Ran-

and her speedy development. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and teaches a class in the Sunday School. He has a pleasant home in this city and three interesting children who attend the public schools when in session.



READY FOR THE ROUND-UP, FORMERLY A FAMILIAR SCENE IN RANDALL COUNTY.



This elegant home of A. S. Rollins, on West Evelyn street in this city, is one of the best and neatest in the county.

A. S. Rollins, Attorney-at-Law.

A. S. Rollins, of the law firm of Rollins & Woolley, practitioners at the bar, was born in Hunt county, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1899 with the degree of L.L.B., and in June of that year he was granted license to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas and in all inferior courts of the state. He entered the practice of law at Greenville where he was located for three years, but, seeing a great future before Randall county, he moved to Canyon City in February, 1903, since which time he has risen to the highest ranks of the legal fraternity in the Panhandle, and in the entire state for that matter. For four years he was county attorney of this county, retiring last November of his own choice. Mr. Rollins, in addition to being a competent attorney, is one of the city's most successful business men. He has acquired quite a landed interest in the county and is the owner of the City Pharmacy of this city, which business enjoys a trade far above the average.

French dry cleaning is the best way to clean clothes of any kind. South side square.

"The Leading Druggist."

A. H. Thompson of this city has adopted a slogan for his drug business which is "The Leading Druggist," meaning thereby that in the conduct of his successful drug business he will not allow any other firm to excell him in any branch of the business. Mr. Thompson is a young man and began the drug business in this city eight years ago, having acquired an interest in what was then known as the Hadley Drug Company. Later the Thompson Drug Company, of which he was the manager and principal owner, was organized and acquired the business of the former firm. This was in the days when East Evelyn street was the main business thoroughfare. Later the business was sold to J. B. Latham. Two years ago Mr. Thompson again entered the drug business on his own account on the east side of the square, having bought new stocks and fixtures, and now he has one of the most complete stocks and one of the nicest appearing business houses in the West. The gradual advancement of the business has placed it among the leading business concerns of the city and the Pan-

handle. A new \$2500 soda fountain has just recently been installed in the store and now the best drinks are served there during the entire year. This fountain is a masterpiece of fine art. Special service chairs and tables are provided for guests desiring the products of the fountain to drink in a comfortable, cool place.

As a prescription pharmacist, Mr. Thompson is an expert. He is registered under the stringent state laws of Texas and does his work with great care and accuracy. None but the very best and purest drugs are used in compounding of prescriptions.

A special cabinet has been arranged and placed in the store for a stock of jewelry and silverware.

The stock is complete in drugs, medicines, toilet articles, rubber goods, perfumery, paints, oils, brushes, stationery, school supplies, scouvenirs, stock food and all sundries.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

Dr. C. L. Daniel, Farmer.

After successfully practicing his profession for several years, Dr. C. L. Daniel, whose native state is Illinois, came to Randall county in March of last year and assumed the control of "Danfair Ranch" northwest of this city which is owned by A. H. Fairbank, of West Chicago, Illinois, who is one of the county supervisors of his home county. When Dr. Daniel assumed control of the 640 acres of land contained in this place there was only about 100 acres in cultivation, but during last year he made great improvement upon the place, putting at least 85 acres more in cultivation, building one of the prettiest farm cottages in the county, a large barn and sheds and such material improvements as were had in his native state. This spring he is putting in an additional 100 acres of land. In addition to being a successful tiller of the soil, the Doctor believes in good stock as would be noted from his good horses and mules, Jersey milch cows, fine Poland China



The cottage headquarter of the Danfair Ranch in this county of which Dr. C. L. Daniel is the manager.

hogs and chickens. In the chicken line he is something of a specialist raising the White Plymouth rocks. He has with his chickens a cock which took several first prizes at various fairs in his home state.

Dr. Daniel believes in the future of Randall county as his improvements show. He thinks it an ideal country in which to live and the results which he last year obtained from his farming labors were fully such that proved him to be a real farmer and convinced him of the agricultural value of the county.

Merry Brothers.

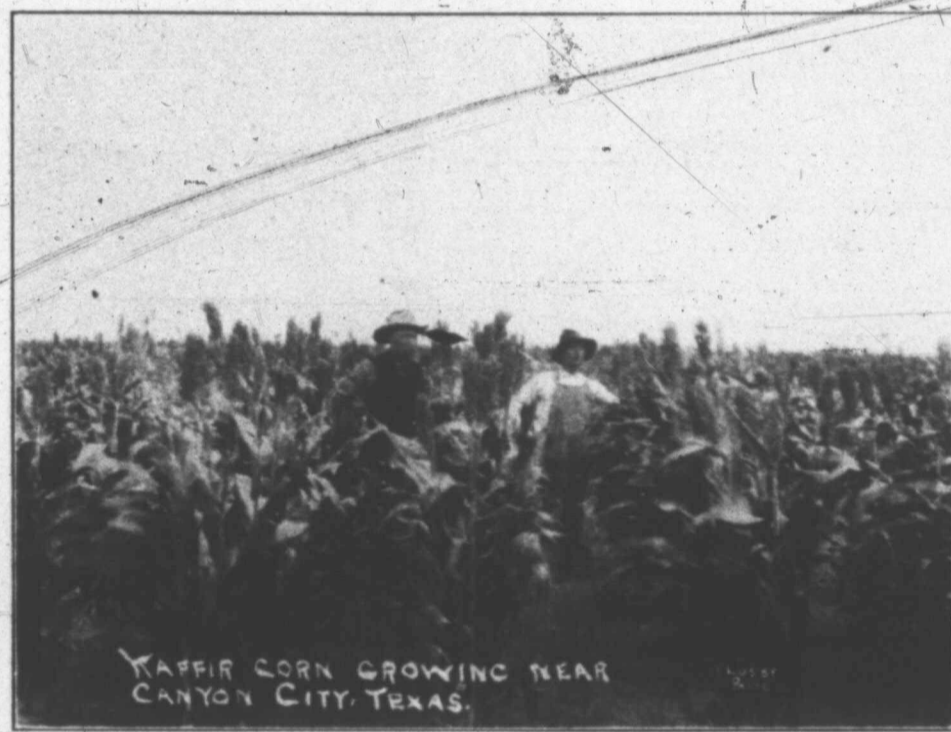
In another column of this paper appears the pictures of B. F. and S. C. Merry along with the picture of David Thomas. The "Merry Boys," as they are familiarly known among their friends, came from Arkansas to Collin county, Texas, in 1866. In those days the country was sparsely settled and they had plenty of room to grow for neighbors were scarce and they improved the opportunity. They are each six feet and seven inches tall and every inch of them a prince in

hospitality and courtesy. They first came to Randall county in 1889 and located 12 miles southeast of Canyon City where they established a cattle ranch. To them belongs much of the credit for the early lawabiding sentiment which prevailed in those days. They are among the pioneers and have seen the buffalo, wolf and wild mustang give way to the white-faced cattle, the fields and the high grade horses. Their present home consists of about 1500 acres of land located about six miles northeast of this city where they maintain a hospitable home for their friends and visitors.

Music Class.

Miss Mattie Thompson announces that she will teach a summer music class at the home of A. H. Thompson on West Evelyn street. 12tc

It would be interesting to note some of the thoughts of the people of this town with relation to advancement. Would you want every one to know what you think about it?



This scene is a familiar one to people of the Panhandle as the Kaffir corn shown growing is one of the most important products of the fields of the Plains country. The grain is used for feeding purposes and the best of success is continually reported from its use in the feeding of cattle and hogs, animals which, after being fattened on Kaffir corn invariably bring top prices in the market.

Annual Reunion and County Fair

Arrangements are being made for the largest celebration ever held in the Panhandle—a reunion of Stonewall Jackson Camp of Ex-Confederates and a County Fair on August 24, 25 and 26.

Speakers of State and National reputation will be present and address the crowd. Large list of Premiums for various Farm Products and Live Stock, Chickens, Turkeys, etc., is being arranged.

Canyon City, Texas,

It is the intention of the committee to have a large number of Free Attractions every day and to make the entertainment bigger and better than ever before.

Baseball Games, Broncho Busting, Foot Races, Egg Races, Potato Races, Hurdle Races, Slow Races for Horsemen, Agricultural and Stock Exhibits and numerous other FREE ATTRACTIONS, while the outlook for the Side Shows is much better than ever before.

August 24, 25 and 26

There Will be Special Railway Rates.

Visit
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During
this
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